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Clinton Contributes \$15,000 To Enlargement Campaign

By D. M. Nelson, President

The faculty and officers of Mississippi College, the Baptist Church, and the citizens of Clinton have to date given to the enlargement program in cash and subscriptions the sum of \$15,235, with two of the town committees yet to report. It is confidently believed that this amount will total \$20,000 when the canvass is completed. This is an amazing showing for our little group at Clinton and is an irrefutable testimony to the high regard in which Mississippi College is held by the people closest to it. This achievement we are sure will inspire other communities to do their best for this cause.

White Way Planned

The campus at this season of the year is beautiful and continues to receive attention and improvement. There is contemplated soon a white way around the drive through the campus. The beautiful paved drive—

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GENERAL MONTGOMERY TELLS HOW HE KEEPS FIT

In the midst of the North African campaign General Montgomery was asked to explain for the benefit of his soldiers how he kept so fit for his duties.

He replied: "I do not smoke, I do not drink, I go to bed at ten o'clock except when duty forbids and I am one hundred per cent fit."

Immediately thereafter Prime Minister Churchill said, for the benefit of those same soldiers: "I smoke, I drink, I never sleep, and I am two hundred per cent fit."

Disease Got Him

Not long afterward he was down with pneumonia. In time he was up again, but within a few months he was making a fight for his life and the Allied world was holding its breath lest he should not survive.

He did, but International News Service reports that his doctors have forbidden all use of either tobacco or rum.

General Montgomery, popularly called "Monty," could have said there what he said elsewhere, viz: "I read

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MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG

Government States Policy On Permits For Religious Meetings

Washington, D. C.—(RNS) — The policy of the War Committee on Conventions on church meetings and religious gatherings has been stated in a letter from the Committee to the Federal Council of Churches.

No permit is required for the holding of any meeting for religious worship or for ecclesiastical ceremony. No permit is required for any conference or meeting attended by not more than 50 persons from beyond the local com-

muting zone, or, in the case of rural communities, beyond the normal trading area of the locality in which the meeting is held.

The committee said application must be made for permission to hold other types of church meetings and that it will act in accordance with the following principles:

The policy of the committee is to grant a permit with the understand-

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New Southern Methodist Church Abolishes Bishops, Centers Power In Laymen

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—The Rev. Leo M. Willard of Florence, S. C., was elected president of the newly-organized Southern Methodist Church's two annual conferences—the South Carolina and Mid-South—after it was decided at the first general conference here to abolish the offices of bishop, district superintendents, and presiding elders. Those who refused to enter the merger in 1939 form the nucleus of the new denomination.

A departure in the method of assigning pastors was also voted by the clergy and lay delegates from ten southern states. Instead of appointment by a bishop or other executive,

pastoral assignments will be determined by a committee which each conference will select for itself.

Consisting mainly of laymen, a committee was created to begin the task of preparing a written discipline for the Church.

Laymen Predominant

Appointment of the committee was in keeping with the announced policy of the new denomination to center its policy-making functions in the hands of the laity, thus removing the objection leveled at the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that the course of the Church was charted too

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Southwide WMU President Passes Mrs. Armstrong's Death a Shock

The message came early Monday morning that Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC, passed away Sunday, May 1, 1945 at her home in Plattsburg, Missouri. This comes as a shock to her host of friends. She had been ill only a brief time. The funeral was in Plattsburg and interment at Aryville, Missouri.

It is difficult to evaluate the contribution of such a life. In the history of Woman's Missionary Union written by Mrs. W. J. Cox we find these facts concerning her service: "Mrs. Armstrong was elected president of the Southwide Woman's Missionary Union in 1933. Coming into the Union presidency after ten years as president of

Missouri W. M. U., she brought wide experience in W. M. U. work and executive ability in addition to her many natural endowments. The daughter of a Baptist minister, and the descendant of a long line of ministers, Mrs. Armstrong had from a

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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

By Ernest O. Sellers,
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Recently, in Chicago, I witnessed what seems to have the earmarks of an old-fashioned evangelistic revival. It is known as "Chicagoland Youth for Christ." It originated with a group which met on Saturday nights and continues to meet each week on that night. The auditorium seats over 4,000, and there were certainly

3,500 present.

The program lasted about two hours. Songs, many choruses, a quartette of ladies, two young women cornet players—about the best I ever heard—a fine bass solo singer, a grand piano, pipe organ, a xylophone, and a song leader of exceptional ability furnished and led the musical, the larger part, of the program. A time for "testimonies" brought several young persons to the microphone. A forceful evangelistic message, broad-

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-Sparks & Splinters-

In sending a change of address Rev. and Mrs. Charley Sandifer write that since January they have been serving as Louisiana state missionaries. They have moved from New Orleans to their field at Paradise, Louisiana. The Sunday school has grown from 10 to 30. Twenty are in the Training Union and plans are under way to organize a church on May 20. The sum of \$225 has been raised for the building fund.

Lumberton: For two years I had prayed for the salvation of Donald Ray Smith. All efforts had failed. On this night he was receiving his high school diploma. Rev. Troy A. Sumrall was delivering the graduating address. I prayed that God would give me another opportunity to speak to Donald Ray. He was soon to go into the army. At the close of the graduating ceremony I asked this fine young man for a few moments of his time as soon as the crowd dispersed. I explained again God's way of salvation and pressed him for a decision. Gripping my hand—eyes moist with the warmth of repentance—Donald Ray Smith yielded his heart to the Lord. His prayer, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner," was the answer to my efforts and prayers. I baptized eleven during April at Lumberton.—Virgil Ratcliff.

The Sunday school attendance at Winona, First church, was 262 on May 13. This broke all previous records in Sunday school attendance. Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, is pastor.

Miss Isabel Wilson, of Peoria, Ill., has been added to the faculty of the School of Music of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, as a teacher of voice and will begin her new duties September 1. Miss Wilson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., and has been for several years a music teacher and director of church music.

Plans for enlarging the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, were approved recently by the board of trustees, at which time three men who served as tutors last year and one who was a fellow were promoted to instructorships for the coming year. They are: Dr. Clyde Taylor Francisco, Old Testament interpretation; Dr. John Joseph Owens, Old Testament interpretation; and Dr. Henry Eugene Turlington, New Testament interpretation, all of whom were tutors last year, and Dr. Findley Bartow Edge, who was a fellow last year, church administration. Approved as tutors next year were: Wayne Oates, Durham, N. C., religious education, and Dale Moody, Dallas, Tex., theology and philosophy.

Rev. John Dearing has accepted the pastorate of Bay St. Louis, succeeding Rev. W. S. Allen, who is now giving full time to Pass Christian.

One of our Chaplains writes that the idea that foxholes make Christians should be debunked. He says, "Generally speaking those who didn't have something before they crawled in come out more confirmed in their disbelief."

Our pastor, Rev. M. C. Waldrup, is at a veterans' hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana, for a check up.—Alma Causey, reporter, Liberty Baptist Church.



PLAN SOUTHERN SEMINARY EXPANSION

Looking over plans for a new building proposed in the \$1,000,000 expansion program at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, are President Ellis A. Fuller, seated, and V. V. Cooke, left, and C. E. Gheens, both trustees of the Seminary. Half the funds are already in sight for the expansion, and the remaining half-million dollars will be raised by personal solicitations from friends of the seminary. With a student body twice as large as the present seminary plant was built to accommodate, Dr. Fuller hopes to begin the enlargement construction as soon as government restrictions on buildings are lifted. Plans call for an Alumni Memorial Chapel, a nursery building, additional classrooms and offices, two large apartment houses for married students and their families, and apartments for missionaries on furlough who may want to study at the seminary.

God Still Performs Miracles

One block from the square at Caguas, Porto Rico, I saw a beautiful stucco Baptist Church. At the side of the church a very large building had been destroyed by fire, only the brick framework remaining. The burned building was much larger than the church building, and though only about one foot away remained unharmed.

Pastor Explains

Upon being asked why the church was not harmed, Pastor Diaz said, "The building next to the church caught fire in the night and all were summoned by the sound of the fire alarm and cries in the streets." He said he himself rushed out and found

the place about the church lighted up in a manner which made it seem the church would burn.

Congregation Summoned

The firemen worked hard, and the minister, seeing the condition was far beyond the help of human hands, summoned his congregation to prayer. In front of the church the members gathered and kneeling asked God to spare their building. As the flames grew more hazardous, those standing about were heard to ask, "Will their God help them?" and "Can their God answer their prayer?"

Individuals went into the building and dragged a woman out, as she ran into the church praying, "Oh, God, if you take my church, take me also."

The church stands today as a mon-

Sermon Series Starts Soon

"My Favorite Sermon" by Mississippi pastors and preached to Mississippi people will begin soon.

Baptist Record readers will want to read this series. It will give them samples of the kind of sermons that others are hearing.

Every Mississippi pastor has been invited to submit his favorite sermon.

To get a sample of the various kinds of sermons heard in Mississippi, get ready to read "My Favorite Sermon" which starts soon.

**WE MADE IT ... Circulation This Week
51,002 ... A gain of 115 since last report**

LEADERSHIP

Blue Mountain College students have been honored by two of their number having been elected to statewide presidencies by their fellow students of other colleges. Miss Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Inverness, is president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union and Miss Mary Anne Durham, Itta Bena, is president of the Mississippi Inter-Collegiate Association of Student Government Organizations for Women.

The Cooperative Program gifts for the past eight months of First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas, Dr. Harry L. Spencer, pastor, total \$21,908.48. Dr. Spencer is another Mississippian temporarily loaned to Texas.

Northside Church, Jackson, has increased its percentage to denominational causes from 10 per cent to 15 per cent. They have also adopted the Sunday School plan of church finances and approved a scriptural stewardship movement with emphasis on tithing. Rev. W. L. Compere recently became pastor.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

May 13, 1945

	SS	BTU
New Albany, First	438	150
Beaumont	73	42
Vicksburg, First	552	125
Laurel, First	447	
West Laurel	508	121
Brookhaven, First	499	133
Picayune, Roseland Park	147	57
Ozone Mission	44	
Vicksburg, Bowmar Avenue	196	113
Rocky Creek, George County	78	55
Pleasant Ridge, Union County	81	
Glenfield, Union County	72	35
Wallerville	86	55
Houlka, Chickasaw County	83	47
Corinth, Tate Street	201	79
Batesville	111	43
Liberty	138	27
Ackerman	123	42
Starkville, First	341	83
Louisville	331	58
Oldtown, Calhoun County	87	57
Crystal Springs	442	114
Crowder	154	117
Friendship, Pike County	153	121
Agricola	63	68
East McComb	321	122
Enon, Panola County	80	75
Summit	157	147
Picayune, Goodyear	138	92
Bethlehem, Jones County	128	36
Harrisburg	161	73
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	68	121
Cross Roads, Webster County	77	
Daniel	146	55
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	602	259
Jackson, First	1,039	264
Jackson, Northside	155	49
Jackson, Calvary	1,027	275
Winona, First	262	
Gum Grove, Lincoln County	168	101
Duck Hill	115	48
Jackson, Parkway	479	149
Center, Union County	114	7
May 6, 1945		
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	118	
Beaumont	52	34
Pascagoula, First	358	105
Bethlehem, Jones County	70	46

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Blue Mountain, Miss., May 10—Miss Betty Jane Watts of New Orleans has been elected president of the Blue Mountain College Young Women's Auxiliary for the session of 1945-46. Miss Watts is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts of the faculty of the Baptist Bible Institute.

ument to the power of God, and to the faith of a church. Today members will tell you if you should ask them, "God saved our church from fire." And I believe He did.—Western Recorder.

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

I.

"What has been the point of greatest gain in Mississippi Baptist life?" This question has come repeatedly recently. We do not keep our face in figures—we do not have the time, neither the desire. Once in awhile, however, we do like to diagnose, take stock!

"The greatest gain," you ask? We wish we might say baptisms, but that is not true. Probably it should be. It would be, if we prayed for the lost, if we loved the lost, if we knew what it meant to be lost, if we went after the lost! For six or seven years we have been winning to Christ and baptism 11,000, 12,000 and 13,000 persons annually. This is the highest level in baptisms in our history. We are thankful for that. We are saying, "By the grace of God this Centennial year will be OUR BEST in soul winning." Some mean it! But our greatest gain is not at this point, yet! May it come to be soon!

We have had a good gain in Baptist Record circulation. In December, 1939 circulation stood at 17,292 copies weekly, whereas, in December, 1944, circulation stood at 47,472 copies weekly. This is a gain of 274%. We rejoice in this increased spread of New Testament truth and work through this gain. This is not the point of our greatest gain—is not even close to it!

We have had a most remarkable gain in Baptist Record finances. A few years ago we were registering a net loss of \$3,000-\$6,000, and more, annually, in operating The Baptist Record. Last year we had a profit in the amount of \$12,000. As Business Manager, your Executive Secretary is naturally pleased over this, but we do not regard it as our greatest gain.

All of our operating institutions are doing well—some of them under most difficult circumstances! Our colleges, the Orphanage and the Hospital are really making history for Christ, in serving humanity. Doxology! Our greatest gain is not here, however.

State Missions has certainly made great advances. In 1939 the State Mission Budget stood at the low of \$37,000, while in December, 1944, the State Mission operating Budget was set at \$130,000. This is a gain of 351% and you will find it the second highest point of gain—or, close to it. We do not count the \$150,000 additional building fund, as it is a special. Counting the building fund, State Missions would be the point of greatest gain.

"What is the point of greatest gain in our Mississippi Baptist life?" Well, in 1939 total contributions stood at \$202,000, while in 1944, total contributions stood at \$938,498.21. That is a gain of over 460% and we think you will find that is the greatest gain in Mississippi Baptist life—at least in the spheres that may be translated into figures!

That leads us to say that in our opinion, Mississippi Baptists have registered one gain infinitely greater than that. This gain may not be stated in figures—it is SPIRIT. No longer are Mississippi Baptists broken and defeated in spirit. No longer is the air filled with cries and statements, "It can't be done!" No longer are little groups seen gathering about convention and conference meeting places for discussing our divisions and jealousies. No longer are Mississippi Baptists driven by slander, misrepresentation and manipulations! No, these things are not gone from the earth, but they are at a new low for Mississippi Baptist life.

Mississippi Baptists are now walking in victory, they are looking up, they are going on! It must delight the heart of our Saviour!

"Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the Cross of Jesus Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe; Forward into battle,
See, His banners go!"

II.

"Are Mississippi Baptists coming up to the Centennial Crusade financial goal thus far?" This question comes from church leaders. Answer: Our total goal for 1945, as set by the Convention, is \$1,000,000 (one million) as a minimum. (We must actually give \$1,200,000 if we reach the Southwide goal on the basis of previous percentages). Our Southwide goal is \$496,000!

Now, let us look at Mississippi Baptist contributions for the first six months of this Convention year:

	Cooperative Program	Designations	Now Club	Total
1944, November	\$ 29,573.25	\$ 68,047.72	\$ 4,947.18	\$102,568.15
1944, December	27,762.08	84,651.72	2,238.25	114,652.05
1945, January	48,861.95	201,129.11	679.21	250,670.27
1945, February	35,454.29	62,311.50	135.02	97,900.81
1945, March	41,871.23	50,430.64	61.80	92,363.67
1945, April	35,186.94	48,029.88	24.80	83,241.62
TOTALS	\$218,709.74	\$514,600.57	\$ 8,086.26	\$741,396.57

We are within easy reach of the \$1,000,000 minimum goal. We have six months for raising \$258,601.43 balance. We will do that unless we act like careless children and fall asleep in the matter. However, to reach the \$1,200,000, the amount we really need, we must raise almost \$500,000 in six months. That is almost \$100,000 per month. July and August are usually our lowest months in receipts. That means unless ALL MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS do their BEST for CHRIST and His WORK we may fall short!

Secondly, our emphasis on the Cooperative Program has not been enough to give Southwide causes their share! Don't say we didn't tell Mississippi Baptists! We are now doing that thing!

"How get another great Victory in Christ's Name and Work," you ask?

Answer: Pray about it! Study it! Promote it! Give through (1) the Cooperative Program to all causes; (2) the special Centennial Crusade offering now being taken through June; (3) designate as you feel led of the Lord, and, (4) see that ALL monies, personal, church, association and institution, come

through your Convention Board office. Lastly, rejoice with others in the Lord!

III.

"The wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23. Sin is too much for the individual! On our first visit to Niagara Falls we heard the following graphic story. The whirlpool is below the Falls and the raging cataracts. The river runs into a cliff and makes a loop or whirlpool. It literally runs over and under itself. It twists, turns, boils, eddies, foams, seethes, and whirls and then goes racing on. An expert swimmer looking upon this whirlpool said, "I can swim it." Friends protested but he persisted! Flinging himself into the river above the whirlpool with sturdy strokes, he swam into it. His body disappeared and was later found two miles below, every bone broken. The whirlpool was too much for him! Sin is too much for the individual! Some do not believe this and rush into the maelstrom of their undoing and destruction. "The wages of sin is death!"

As we watched Niagara Falls we were greatly impressed by the thunderous roar of racing waters plunging downward over 160 feet and breaking against the rocks below. Several yards above we noted a cable stretched across the river and an oblong board hanging on it at about mid-stream. We were told this was a danger signal to men and craft not to go farther as the falls were just below.

God has hung out His danger signals. Paul has written about the Gospel, order in the church, against sin, supporting the ministry, love and other vital subjects in First Corinthians. Now the Holy Spirit seems to say, "Paul, before we close this epistle, let's tell men everywhere what a terrible thing it is to reject the Lord Jesus." Paul writes, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ let him be accursed." I Corinthians 16:22.

In First John, John has written about eternal life, assurance, love and related topics. The Holy Spirit seems to say, "John, only six or seven verses remain. Let's tell men everywhere they may go too far in sin." John's hand trembles, the ink is about out of the quill, the candle is burning low, and he writes, "There is a sin unto death." I John 5:16.

The entire Bible is completed save for the last one-half chapter. God has spoken freely to man. The Spirit seems to say, "John, before we close this Revelation, let us tell men everywhere that as they are in life and at death so will they remain throughout eternity." John writes, "... and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:11. A second chance is a myth!

"There is a line by us unseen . . ."

"NOW, is the day of salvation! NOW is the accepted time." II Corinthians 6:2. God promises to save and accept the lost now. He makes no such promise for tomorrow.

As we got ready for that trip around the world, we took time and thought in minute preparation. There must be money and a ticket, a passport and visas that would pass me through each of the 18 countries. There was clothing and baggage. All church services in my work were arranged for three and one-half months—revival, study courses, and regular services. We made the entire trip without a hold-up anywhere.

Suppose on that Tuesday morning in New York City we had shown up at the pier on the Hudson River, presented ourself at the ticket window, exchanging greetings. Suppose, upon being asked, "What might we do for you?" I had replied, "Oh, nothing, I am going with a party on the Berengaria (third largest passenger vessel afloat at the time) at 10:00 a. m." The agent might have replied, "Fine, may I see your ticket?" "I don't have any." "How about your passport?" "I don't have any!" "How about your baggage?" "I don't have any." "Pardon me, what did you say you were going to do?" "Oh, I am going on a trip around the world." "Yet, you don't have a ticket, or a passport, or baggage?" "No sir!" That agent would have rightly blazed away with, "You fool, step aside and let somebody with some sense step up here."

Some of these days all of us are going to take a long, long trip. We are not coming back from that trip! Have you made any preparation? Are you ready?

There's a great day coming, A great day coming,
There's a great day coming by and by;
When the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left,
Are you ready for that day to come?

There's a bright day coming, A bright day coming,
There's a bright day coming by and by;
But its brightness shall only come to them that love the Lord,
Are you ready for that day to come?

There's a sad day coming, A sad day coming,
There's a sad day coming by and by;
When the sinner shall hear his doom, 'Depart, I know ye not,'
Are you ready for that day to come?

IV.

We spent one week with the churches of Meridian in a remarkable program. For the first time in Mississippi Baptist life a group of churches gave one week to the study of New Testament State Missions. To us this sounds like "something new under the sun."

Year before last they studied Foreign Missions. Last year they studied Home Missions. This year it was the turn of State Missions. Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour we spoke at Highland, where Pastor E. L. Byrd leads in an aggressive program. The congregation packed the auditorium. At the morning worship hour we faced another fine congregation at Forty-First Avenue Church where Pastor Ray Dykes, another great spirit, presided; one

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"Well Done Thou Good And..."

Forty years is a long time. A few years ago the average span of life was less than 40 years. Few business concerns remain under the same leadership for forty years. And we doubt that one pastorate out of a hundred continues for forty years.

Forty years ago, a young man went to First church, Laurel, as pastor. And now having completed forty years of service, Dr. L. G. Gates is retiring after July first.

Although he is retiring, his work will bear fruit for many years to come. Leaders "rightly dividing the word of truth" have been brought up under the teaching, training and preaching of Dr. Gates. They are now scattered to the four corners of the earth and many churches that "earnestly contend for the faith" are indebted to Dr. Gates and his great church for such leaders.

Dr. Gates has been a steady influence in days when isms were popular. He is known as a great contender for the truths taught in the Book.

A great preacher and a great church have grown together during these forty years. Not even the next forty years can reveal the influence of the years of this noble ministry from 1905-1945. Only eternity will unfold the riches in the lives turned to Kingdom service.

COAL OR SOUL?

There has been much ado about the midnight curfew that went into effect on February 26. Billy Rose, night club operator of New York, blamed the order on the prohibitionists. The Office of War Mobilization is reported to have retorted: "We are not interested in saving souls; our only aim

is to save coal."

If saving coal was the purpose back of the curfew, one wonders why James F. Byrnes, director of War Mobilization, waited until winter was virtually over to make his announcement. A lot more coal could have been saved by putting the order in effect last October, or for that matter in October, 1943, or 1942. As far as coal is concerned, this appears to be another instance of "locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen."

Since December 7, 1941, liquor has become a serious cause of absenteeism in war plants. Moreover, there are a million alcoholics incapable of working at all to say nothing of 3,000,000 excessive drinkers who cannot be depended upon for steady work. Then add approximately a million more men and women who are engaged in the non-essential business of manufacturing, distributing and selling alcoholic beverages. Yes, it must be conceded, there is a manpower shortage.

If the government really means business when it comes to conserving manpower, saving coal, grain and sugar, and preventing waste of shipping space and other materials essential to the traffic in beer and whisky, then let Congress hasten consideration of the war prohibition bill (H. R. 2082) introduced in the House on February 8 by Representative Joseph R. Bryson, of South Carolina.

One way for home- and country-loving citizens to help speed action on the Bryson bill is to write the members of the House judiciary committee requesting that early hearings be held preliminary to reporting the bill out of committee and placing it on the House consent calendar. Success of the Bryson bill may depend upon your letters to the members of the judiciary committee, listed for your convenience as follows:

Democrats: Hatton W. Sumners (Texas), chairman; Emanuel Celler (N. Y.), Zebulon Weaver (N. C.), Francis E. Walter (Pa.), Sam Hobbs (Ala.), John H. Tolan (Calif.), William T. Byrne (N. Y.), Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), Joseph R. Bryson (S. C.), Fadjo Cravens (Ark.), Sam M. Russell (Texas), Thomas J. Lane (Mass.), Martin Gorski (Ill.), Michael A. Feighan (Ohio).

Republicans: Clarence E. Hancock (N. Y.), Earl C. Michener (Mich.), John M. Robison (Ky.), Chauncey W. Reed (Ill.), John W. Gwynne (Iowa), Louis E. Graham (Pa.), Raymond S. Springer (Ind.), Joseph E. Talbot (Conn.), Frank Fellows (Me.), Earl R. Lewis (Ohio), John Jennings, Jr. (Tenn.), Angier L. Goodwin (Mass.).

Untrue Radio Announcement

On Tuesday, May 8 at 1:00 p. m. an announcer on the National Broadcasting Chain (WJDX) introduced Archbishop Spellman as Military Vicar of the United States.

This is a title that does not belong to Archbishop Spellman. The Baptist Record and many other religious papers have repeatedly called attention to this unfair and untrue title. He may be the Catholic Military Vicar of the Armed Forces, but we know he is not Military Vicar for Southern Baptists, nor for this Baptist.

CONVENTION EXPENSES

Many churches pay the expenses of their pastors to the Southern Baptist Convention. At the request of government authorities the 1945 convention was cancelled.

Most pastors who go to the Southern Baptist Convention come back with greater ambitions and more lofty ideals. The Convention not only informs but inspires.

This year your pastor is going to miss that privilege but a half a loaf is better than no loaf at all. And we offer a half loaf suggestion to the churches.

Take the money your church would spend on the pastor's Convention and buy books for him. A few new books added to his library will enrich his library, add new thoughts to his preaching, give freshness to his thinking and enlarge his vision. Good books will make a poor preacher better and a good preacher still better.

By using the money that would have been used for Convention expenses, the church can provide books at no added cost.

SCHOLARSHIPS SUGGESTED

Rev. Max Stanfield, pastor of Immanuel church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, recently made a suggestion that is so good that we are passing it on to Mississippi Baptists.

Pastor Stanfield, who is also alumni president of Oklahoma Baptist University, suggests that every Baptist church in Oklahoma give a full tuition scholarship to OBU.

Mississippi churches could do likewise. Only a few dollars each month would pay the cost of a scholarship to one of our schools. The funds could be secured in various ways, such as: Include the scholarship in the budget; take a monthly offering for the purpose; have it sponsored by the W. M. U., Sunday school classes, or other interested organizations. Even individuals could be enlisted.

Many benefits would result from such scholarships:

1. Our denominational schools would have a larger enrollment.

2. More Mississippi boys and girls would have Baptist training.

3. Mississippi Baptists would become more interested in their denominational schools. For as they gave for the scholarship they would take a deeper interest in the object to which they gave.

4. People will give more to a specific than to a general object.

SHE CARRIED A BIBLE

The newspaper account of the wedding of Lt. Imogene Kennedy (the angel of Bataan) to Richard J. Schmidt stated that "she carried a Bible."

If more couples would carry Bibles as a part of the wedding accessories, fewer marriage failures would result.

We trust that the Bible was not just a decoration. If these young people who have endured so much will make the Bible a part of their every day life, many pitfalls will be avoided and much more joy added to their married life.

And their example should be followed by every couple contemplating marriage.

Bible reading, Bible loving and Bible living couples seem to make a success of marriage.

We recommend the Bible before, during and after the marriage ceremony.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROTESTANTS

A bitter campaign against Protestant missions by the Roman Catholic church in South America is being carried forward. The latest culmination is a pastoral letter issued by Santiago Luis Cardinal Copello, primate of Argentina, and the whole Argentine episcopacy. Catholics are forbidden to send their children to Protestant schools, although in some places these are the only schools available to the children. The Catholic church can in no sense meet the need. Catholics are also forbidden to contribute to the support of Protestant organizations or to read Protestant literature. The social services of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Salvation Army are mentioned and banned. Zealous police officers have always given the Roman church co-operation. They have banned Salvation Army services and attempted to close Protestant churches. Argentina has constitutional religious freedom for all sects. Provincial authorities have stopped violation of the law. If the Catholic church in Argentina is endeavoring to impress upon American Protestants that they are not to be tolerated, it will not make for good will between Catholics and Protestants in the United States.—Watchman-Examiner.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

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by letter. Sunday afternoon we presented "State Missions in Its Relations to All Baptist Work." This was before a group of fine county leaders meeting at First Baptist Church. Dr. Norman Cox, a tower of strength in our Baptist life, presided at the meeting. Sunday night we saw another congregation fill the church house at Southside Baptist Church; one for baptism. We regretted the absence of that princely pastor, Brother B. S. Vaughan, due to illness. Monday morning we met with the pastors of Meridian—a great group. Monday afternoon we presented State Missions from another angle to the W. M. U. of Lauderdale County, Mrs. Martin presiding. She is a fine leader at Highland. Monday evening we talked on "Mississippi, Our Judea," to a fine congregation at Oak Grove, where Brother Martin, pastor, leads in a fine way. Tuesday evening we were with that aggressive group at Eighth Avenue, E. F. Graeser pastor—and what aggressive leadership he has shown! Wednesday evening we "doubled up," attending a large workers' council supper at First church and then speaking to a real prayer meeting group. All the attendants at this service signed a stencil containing a letter for all men of the church in Service. Dr. Cox is leading his church toward a great building movement, as well as general expansion plans. We then rushed over to Fifteenth Avenue Church where another good prayer meeting group discussed plans for calling a pastor. They gave us a fine welcome and good attention. Thursday evening we were at Poplar Springs with Pastor Abel—an able pastor—and other saints.

We are quite sure we have never seen quite such emphasis given to State Missions during our twenty-five years of ministry. This is putting it where Jesus put it in Acts 1:8 along with Jerusalem, or local churches; Samaria, or Home Missions, and "Unto the utmost parts of the earth," or Foreign Missions!

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May 14, 1945

Mr. D. C. Simmons,
President Board of Trustees
Mississippi Baptist Hospital
Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Mr. Simmons:

As today by common agreement terminates the connection of this office with the promotion of the Hospital Campaign in which we were happy to serve as director, please permit me to express my appreciation to you, your fine Board, and, in particular, to the Executive Committee and Mrs. Gilfoy my sincere appreciation for the fine spirit manifested and the cooperation given. It has been a joy to serve with you and a labor of love to be of some little help.

I also appreciate the large service rendered by the district men; E. D. Kenna, James L. Sullivan, J. R. Reedy, S. E. Sumrall, J. B. Ray, C. J. Olander, C. Z. Holland. Our pastors and churches were at their best in this campaign. Friends of Baptists certainly had a splendid part in this Victory also. Again, I thank you.

I am sure with the amount of cash on hand, personal and church budget pledges paid, and the Mother's Day Offering, that Mississippi Baptists will again write VICTORY for Christ in flaming letters.

Blessings upon you.

Yours in service,

D. A. McCALL.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF WORSHIP

John Haynes Holmes, of the Community Church of New York, has formulated "Ten Commandments" for attendants at any church.

1. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the "amen refuse to wait."

2. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain, when speaks the organ its refrain.

3. But when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.

4. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more must share the pew with thee.

5. The offering plate thou shalt not fear, but give thine uttermost with cheer.

6. Thou shalt the calendar peruse, and look there for the church's pews.

7. Thou shalt the minister give heed, nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.

8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend, and if a stranger, make a friend.

9. Thou shalt in every way be kind, compassionate, of tender mind.

10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace, thou shalt show God within this place.

These "commandments" and others that are apparent to us, if practical, will help to bring even a deeper spirit of grace into our worship hour.

—San Diego Bulletin.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

May 21—Will Westbrook, Baptist Hospital Trustee.

May 22—Rev. H. G. West, Pontotoc County Convention Board Member.

May 23—W. L. Green, Copiah County Convention Board Member.

May 24—Mrs. I. C. Knox, Baptist Orphanage Trustee.

May 25—Owen Cooper, Committee on Social Service; Mrs. S. M. Thomas, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 7.

May 26—Mrs. A. K. McMillian, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 7; Knox Hoff, Clarke College Trustee.

May 27—Cradle Roll Day, Mrs. J. W. Brunfield, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, District 7.

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Rev. D. W. Moulder preached at Beulah and Pine Grove churches in Simpson county on May 6. On Saturday he preached three times, preached four times on Sunday and conducted a funeral. In addition to the services he drove 250 miles and also took a patient from a Laurel hospital. There were five additions at the two churches.

J. T. Shelton of Goodman church recently sent a renewal list of 35 names. Such friends as these have helped us almost to the 51,000 mark.

Chaplain William M. Bowman, formerly of Tylertown, and now a transport chaplain, preached 59 times during January, February and March. The total attendance was 12,725. He states that the spiritual interest among the troops is increasing.

Blue Mt. Names Commencement Speakers
TO DELIVER SERMON TO DELIVER ADDRESS

DR. DUKE K. McCALL



DR. HARRY L. MARTIN

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 8—Dr. Duke K. McCall, President Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, will preach the commencement sermon at Blue Mountain College, May 27, and Dr. Harry Leland Martin, Senatobia, will give the baccalaureate address May 28.

A Jewish Tragedy—A Christian Responsibility

By Phyllis Sokel Hewitt, Summit

Sometime ago, a writer in one of our denominational magazines portrayed a Jew holding a globe in his hands, turning it from one country to another, and saying, "No, we are not wanted there. Even in Palestine the doors are closing to us."

The Jew has no home. He is drifting, seeking, hoping for an open door. He is blinded, crushed, bleeding, suffering—the tortures the Jews have been forced to suffer in some countries are unspeakable! Is it any wonder that the Jew doubts that we want to be a friend to him? The Jew does not know the difference between the Christian and the Gentile. It is our responsibility to explain the distinction to him.

Jews Need Love

The Jew today needs love more than anything else. Christ is his only hope for salvation. Invite him to your home and to your church services. Let him know that you are a real Christian and as such that you appreciate the Jew because he gave to you Christ the Messiah and the Bible which is a Jewish book. Tell him what the Messiah has done for you. Tell him to accept fully that which is his own.

My people today are very unhappy, because as a nation they are and have been passing through the greatest tragedy in their history. The Jew has a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. (Romans 10:3, 4.) The American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc., in their tract "Seven to Two," claim that the total number of Baptists from among Israelites during the past century amounts to 204,540. And that there is one Protestant Hebrew convert to every 156 of the Jewish population, and that the proportion from all other non-Christian religions together is one to every 525. The Jew is beginning to read the Bible and accept Jesus Christ as his Messiah as never before. My people are willing to read the Bible if you will only offer him one. He doesn't have one of his own and never has been taught to read the Bible.

Five Faithful Women

God said that His word would not

return unto Him void. Who knows but that because of your prayers God will save a lost Jew.

Some few years ago, a "Friends of Israel" group was organized in Lakeland, Florida. Five faithful women met once a week for one year and two months to pray that God would save one Jew in that city. And I am the product of that prayer. What if they had not prayed in faith believing?

You, too, can have the thrill of having your prayers answered if you will pray that God will lay some Jew on your heart, and let you talk to him. He will not fail you.

The Jew is living in darkness! We, as believers in Jesus, have the light. We know the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus has commissioned us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, teaching them whatsoever things He has commanded us, and lo, "I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Jesus has left this work in our hands to do, the Holy Spirit has been commissioned to work with us and to be our guide—and the challenge is—WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

—BR—

Foundation Receives \$5,000 For Ministerial Education

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation received \$5,000 last week from a Christian woman who had put this amount in her will, but she decided to give it now so it can be working while she lives. Her interest is in helping to provide training for preachers. The Foundation is instructed to send the income to Clarke Memorial College to help provide training for many who could not be in school without some assistance.

What this good woman has done, many others over the state can do. How fine it is to project one's life into the work of the Lord by investing some of his money or property to work for the Lord while he lives, and on and on after he has gone home.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is glad to receive and invest such funds for all of our institutions and agencies. Write the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi, for further information.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Jackson

Southwide W. M. U.

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child been taught the fundamentals of missions.

"Because there were no missionary organizations for very young women in her church, she began to attend the missionary society with her mother. It was not long until other young women attended also, and soon she was elected president of her mother's missionary society. Her services began to widen. She became the president of the Missouri Woman's Missionary Union. During this time she had also served as college correspondent, visiting the colleges of her state and projecting plans for the work of the young people.

"In 1915, Mrs. Armstrong was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Missouri Baptist General Association and served in this capacity until 1936. She had been a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Following the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin, where Mrs. Armstrong presided over the woman's session, she visited the European mission fields and Palestine and Syria. This experience enriched her service for missions."

Mrs. Armstrong's leadership was felt in all departments of Woman's Missionary Union activity but the crown of her accomplishments was the new W. M. U. Training School building. She gave herself unstintingly to every detail of planning and generously of her time in helping to make this a reality. The picture on the front page is taken from the May issue of "The Window of Y. W. A." You will see the blueprint and architect's sketch of the Training School—the terrace of which is "The Armstrong Terrace." The artist has added the "orchid" which surely Mrs. Armstrong deserved because of her twelve years of earnest, devoted service through Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Armstrong constantly kept before the constituency the challenge of high endeavor but with added enthusiasm and effort she has sought to summon the women and young people of the south to their best for Christ in this centennial year. The challenge of this last editorial in "Royal Service" should have added call to us to Crown a Century for Christ. The editorial follows:

"Crowning a Century For Christ"

The Southern Baptist Convention is a host. A church membership of approximately five and a half million tends to the spirit of boasting. Too many rest in the assurance of the strength of numbers, believing that great and marvelous things will be accomplished with no effort on their part. This one-hundredth anniversary is a test of strength, especially since the usual May meeting cannot be held. Normally it would furnish inspiration and incentive to achieve the Centennial goals. Its cancellation lays added obligation upon each person charged with any leadership responsibility, that all members may be committed to the Centennial purpose: "A million more won, a million more enlisted, a million more taught, rebuilding war's wreckage, reviving scriptural giving, relieving humanity's need." To attain

these goals the great host of Southern Baptists must have quickened in their hearts and lives the crusading spirit.

Too long the word crusade has been associated with the futile sacrifice of untold thousands of men, women and little children, who with unlimited zeal joined in expeditions through the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries to rescue from Moslems the tomb of the Lord and the "holy land" around it. Crusade is too meaningful a word to bear this particular association. 1945 offers to Southern Baptists opportunity to redeem the word, to interpret in deeds its rightful meaning: "Any remedial enterprise undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm." Certainly the comprehensive Centennial objectives constitute a remedial enterprise—undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm (the spirit of crusade) by five and one-half million Southern Baptists! It is an arresting thought: what wonders would be wrought in world-wide service for the Kingdom of God!

"Crowning a Century for Christ" is the slogan adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention. It emphasizes the holiness of the crusade and the fulfillment of the prophecy: "He shall reign." It can be realized only as the members of the churches undertake with sacrificial devotion the varied tasks that are but the expression of the indwelling Christ in the heart of each believer. As Christ is crowned in the individual life, in the homes and churches so will this century of Southern Baptist life be crowned for Christ.

Woman's Missionary Union members are members of Southern Baptist churches that compose the Southern Baptist Convention. As such they have participated in all the work of the Convention and are voting members when elected by their churches as messengers

Government States Policy

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ing that attendance must be held to the minimum number necessary for the group properly to function. The committee defines a church legislative meeting as one called to transact business essential to the continuance or survival of the church organization. Distinguishing characteristics are:

1. The fiscal operation and control of church properties;
2. The amendment of canonical laws;
3. The election of a bishop, moderator or other chief executive officer of the church in the district, synod, diocese, presbytery, etc.
4. The selection or examination of candidates for ordination;
5. The assignment of pastors; and
6. The allocation of funds.

Meetings of auxiliary groups such as women's organizations, youth groups and missionary societies require separate application for a permit. Meetings of denominations that have no central governing body are not eligible for permits as church legislative meetings.

Permits are required for meetings of missionary societies, organizations of laymen, and for ministers' conferences, youth group meetings and other auxiliary bodies. The policy of the committee is to deny such permits.

Special courses of instruction for ministers or laymen require a permit unless they are part of the regular normal curriculum of the educational institution in which they are held.

to any S. B. C. meeting. Through their churches they contribute to all the causes supported by the Convention. By the activities of its organized life, the Union promotes the ideals which the charter of incorporation indicates as the purpose of the Convention: "for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the Baptist denomination of Christians for the propagation of the gospel." Through its mission study program, including the missionary message of the Bible; through its prayer life, including Seasons of Prayer for Foreign, Home and State Missions; through missionary education of children and young people; through emphasis upon community mission, with soul-winning as central; through the bringing of tithes and offerings—through its purpose to enlist the women and young people of the churches in all these essential ideals and activities it is a very vital part of the total witness of Southern Baptists to the world.

Members of W. M. U. are essential to total victory in the Centennial Crusade. If this century of Southern Baptist life is to be crowned for Christ, if it is to be a victorious year, each member must join with holy fervor in the crusade to win, enlist and give. The Centennial celebration without a great mass meeting is a real test of the strength and devotion of Southern Baptists. Application to each member, each society, each church are the words of the patriotic oath as expressed by Edward Everett Hale:

"I am only one,
But I am one;
I can't do everything,
But I can do something.
And what I can do
That I ought to do.
And what I ought to do,
By the grace of God, I will do!"

General Montgomery

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my Bible every day, and I recommend you, gentlemen, to do the same," for he is a Bible lover and a man of prayer.

Godliness Is Profitable

He knows the Scripture says: "Bodily exercise profiteth little: (that is, for a little while) but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." (I Timothy 4:8).

To be godly, one must, in the first place, be "born of God" or "born from above." (Persons receiving Christ by faith as personal Savior and Lord are referred to as being "born of God." John 1:11-13). Then one must be "nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine" and exercise himself unto godliness. (See I Timothy 4:6 and 7.)

Persecution Promised

The world and Satan do not appreciate godliness, hence "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (II Timothy 3:12).

But the godly rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. They are aware that it is given unto them in the behalf of Christ, "not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." (Phil-

following the normal vacation pattern do not require a permit. But any convention or meeting held at a camp or summer assembly ground does require a permit.

New Southern Methodist Church Abolishes Bishops

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largely by bishops and pastors and did not reflect the interest and wishes of masses of inarticulate laymen.

Meanwhile, progress was made in formulating a ritual, charter, and constitution for the new Church, but leaders did not regard it likely that these documents would be in final form before adjournment of the general conference.

Summing up the beliefs of the Southern Methodist Church, L. R. Manning of Latta, S. C., a leading layman in the church, said:

They Believe

"We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, and we do not care to follow any leadership which acts to the contrary. We believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, and that He is our Lord and Saviour. We believe that our mission is to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the land, to glorify God, and bring men into saving relations with Jesus Christ, for we know that only through Him can men be saved."

Representatives to the conference were welcomed to Atlanta by leaders of the unified Methodist Church from which they are dissociating themselves. Bishop Arthur J. Moore invited the delegates to use any Atlanta Methodist Church for their sessions, but the meetings were held in a local hotel.

5,000 Members

The new denomination has 21 pastoral charges, 46 congregations, 5,000 members, 41 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 3,152 children, 33 missionary societies with 740 members, it was reported.

Since all church buildings of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were taken over by the merged Methodist Church, it was said that the Southern Methodist Church would, if necessary, use brush arbors for its services until wartime building restrictions no longer impede a building program.

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Richland Plans Pastorium

On the night of May 6 the Richland church, of which Rev. Tom Pfeifer is pastor, made plans to build a pastorium. The church has \$1,500 on a building in the building fund. A retired minister, Rev. B. T. Smith, initiated the movement when his grandson-in-law, Vergil Lewis, gave him \$60.

The building committee is composed of Edgar Misterfeld (chairman), Morris Steen and Wayne Lee.

The Sunday school has increased from 60 to 106 in the last month. The increase is due to the monthly officers' and teachers' meeting.

ippians 1:29).

Far outweighing the suffering which befalls the godly person is the sweetness of the knowledge that the Lord "hath set apart him that is godly for Himself." (Psalm 4:3). The Lord graciously uses such persons to His glory, and to the eternal welfare of others. Now.

Becker Adopts Every Family Plan

The Becker Baptist Church, Becker, Mississippi, has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan—sending The Baptist Record into its fifty-three Baptist homes.

Our church recently called Rev. H. H. Chrisman as our pastor. Bro. Chrisman retired last October from the chaplains' corps, U. S. Army, because of physical disability after serving for thirty months, of which eighteen were spent in service overseas. Bro. Chrisman is loved by all his people and since his coming to us, our church has made remarkable progress. Other than the EVERY FAMILY Plan, our church has adopted an adequate church budget, and the attendance in Sunday school and B. T. U. has increased remarkably. Our entire church program is gaining and we're now looking forward to a building program.

Editor's note: Monroe county Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: ABERDEEN 150, AMORY 129, BECKER 52, CENTER HILL 23, PRAIRIE 23, Smithville 1, Central Grove 2, ATHENS 28, SPLUNGE 19, BIGBEE 12.—Church reporter.

Wayne Soldier Gives 100 Rupees

American soldiers are seeing first hand some of the mission work in foreign lands. Recently Sgt. Wesley T. Gilbert, member of Mt. Zion church, Wayne county, not only saw missions in action, but gave 100 rupees to support the work. Writing about his gift, Chaplain James A. Carlin wrote to Mt. Zion church as follows:

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Waynesboro, Mississippi

We have been very fortunate during our stay in India to observe the work of some of our American missionaries. Mr. August A. Berg, working among the native people, has come to be known by a lot of our men. They have enjoyed learning of the work Baptists are doing here.

Sergeant Wesley T. Gilbert, Hq Squadron, 28th Air Service Group, was one of the men who has made a fine contribution to this work. He gave Mr. Berg 100 rupees (about \$33) just recently. I secured his permission to write to his home church telling of his interest in this mission work.

Providence Church Dedicated Mission Offering Totals \$107

There was a good attendance at the dedication of Providence church, Tippah county, on April 29. The pastor is Rev. Roy M. Lewis. The message of the morning service was brought by Rev. J. B. Ray.

In the afternoon messages on "The Mission of the Church" by Dr. J. P. Kirkland, and "Our Centennial and Its Significance" by Dr. W. C. Tyler, were an inspiration.

The building was erected at a cost of \$7,500 in a period of 18 months. Of the amount collected \$3,052 was donated in material and labor.

A thank offering for missions was made at both morning and afternoon services and the two offerings totalled \$107.

A baptistry was installed recently at Linn church, Sunflower county. Eight were baptized on May 6, which was the first time it had been used.—Mrs. J. B. Lovett, reporter.

Church Council Challenges Your Support

In many fields of public health and social welfare there has been a lag between scientific investigation and the use of the public of the knowledge gained through such study. In narcotics education this lag has been most pronounced. Unless we in churches, schools and communities make an effort to interpret the results of scientific research, the ignorance and confusion regarding alcohol and other narcotics will continue to exist. If we are to change the thinking of the people in our state and nation on this problem, an effective interpretation of existing knowledge in this field must be made. The following statements indicate the imperative need in our state and nation:

"Alcoholism is the greatest single health problem in the United States today that is not being systematically attacked."—Dr. Lawrence Kolb, assistant surgeon general, U. S. Public Health Service.

600,000 Alcoholics

In the United States, three out of every 1,000 persons are affected by tuberculosis; five out of every 1,000 are affected by venereal disease; and six out of every 1,000 are affected by alcoholism. At least 600,000 persons are suffering from chronic alcoholism.

Official reports show that in one out of every five fatal accidents in 1942, a driver or a pedestrian was reported as having been drinking. One in every five adult pedestrians and one in every nine drivers was reported as drinking prior to being involved in such fatal accidents.

In 1944, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Americans spent \$7,000,000,000 for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, which was more than they spent for purposes of education.

Name Changed

As an outgrowth of the 1940 conference, Mississippi representatives formed the "Mississippi Council for Alcohol Education." On February 28, 1944, the name was changed to "Mississippi Church Council for Narcotic Education" and the organization was enlarged into its present form.

The council is supported by the following churches and organizations: the Baptist churches, the Christian church, the Methodist church, the Presbyterian church, the Mississippi Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the State Department of Education. Each church and organization is represented on the council by four members. The executive committee of the council is made up of the executive officers and the chairmen of the standing committees and meets regularly to carry on the business of the council. The council has an employed educational director to plan and execute the program of narcotics education in the churches and organizations of the state.

The church council serves by: (1) Co-operating with local pastors and church leaders to bring about more effective leadership in narcotics education. (2) Developing an understanding of the relation of the use of narcotics to individual and social progress. (3) Providing literature and suggested program plans to churches and other organizations. (4) Encouraging the study of, and adherence to, the narcotic laws in Mississippi. (5) Training Sunday school teachers and other church and community leaders in conducting a narcotics education program in the churches of the communities. (6) Furnishing trained educational personnel for the purpose of stimulating narcotics education emphasis in the community. (7) Correlating narcotics information into regular educational activities. (8) Aiding leaders in becoming acquainted with reference and teaching material now available on all child, youth, and adult levels. (9) Co-operating with other organizations in providing adequate and wholesome rec-

28 MINUTES STILL LACKING

Again we call attention to the fact that it would be very helpful to this office if we had a complete file of association minutes. We list the following who have not sent us the minutes of their association, and we will be grateful for receiving these, since it means much to the office in being able to supply data upon requests from people all over Mississippi. This we cannot do unless we have the information at hand. The association minutes lacking follow: **Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Liberty, Perry, Rankin, Tippah, Union, Walthall, Bolivar, Columbus, Deer Creek, Adams-Franklin, Kemper, Noxubee, Pike, Pontotoc, Smith, Covington, Attala, George, Greene, Lebanon, Monroe, Montgomery, Tate and Winston.**—D. A. McCall.

OUR CHAPLAIN

There is a man that is very dear to us,
Who is a servant of God;
He tells us the great stories of Jesus,
And the places that His feet have trod.

In times of temptation
When life seems so dull;
This man tells us of creation,
And upon Jesus to call.

In this troublesome time
With the havocs of war about us,
He tells us of a heaven sublime,
Of Jesus who died for us.

When life is ever so dull,
When we need a servant of God,
This man is there to call,
Because he is that servant of God.

He tells us to forget all care,
And everything else about us,
And take it to God in prayer
For Gove gave this privilege to us.

This man that is ever with us,
That we can call on again and again;
This apostle of Jesus
Is our own dear chaplain.

T/5 LYLE COOPER,

U. S. Army, Somewhere in Germany.
Dedicated to Captain Charles O. Daniels, Chaplain, U. S. Army.

Honoring the pastor's fortieth anniversary, First church, Laurel, is having a special edition of this week's Baptist Record. The special edition goes to Jones county post offices only. Readers in those towns should look on pages eight and nine.

Pleasant Hill church, Copiah county recently sent a list of 30 names by their pastor, Rev. Sammie Crawford, of Clinton.

reational facilities. (10) Bringing about coordination of activities and efforts of all interested groups in Mississippi for the purpose of developing an effective narcotics education program.

The program for narcotics education is dependent upon support from the churches of the denominations in the council, and donations from the organizations, and interested individuals. The expansion of the program for teaching the harmful effects of narcotics (alcohol) depends upon the interest and willingness of the churches and organizations in the council to support the program. The council is not supported financially by any state or national agency. It depends entirely upon the local churches, Sunday school classes, missionary groups, youth organizations and individuals. A gift from your church will support this work and will be appreciated. Your gift should be sent to: Miss Dorothy Little, Financial Secretary, Mississippi Church Council for Narcotics Education, Box 1514, Jackson, Mississippi.

Blue Mountain College Awards Announced By President Lowrey

President Lawrence T. Lowrey has made the following awards to students of Blue Mountain College:

The Lowrey Powell Award to Arlena Smith, Blue Mountain; the Florence Connally Tyler Award, Marjorie West, Sardis; the Nettie Courtney Paris Award, Jean Lowrey, Blue Mountain; and the Rosa Mae Kennedy Award, Edith McDaniel, Lexington.

The Lowrey Powell Award was established by Lowrey R. Powell of Memphis to the member of the senior class who is assisting with her college expenses by her own work; she must receive the unanimous vote of the faculty for exemplary conduct and character; and she must maintain the highest academic standard in this group for the last three successive semesters.

The Florence Connally Tyler Award was established by Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, in honor of his mother. It is presented annually to the student who, in the opinion of the student body, most naturally exemplifies the "fruit" of the Christian Spirit as depicted in Galatians 5:22.

The Nettie Courtney Paris Award is in memory of the mother of Mrs. E. M. Highsmith to that student who, in the judgment of the faculty, best typifies the spirit and educational ideals of Blue Mountain College.

The Rosa Mae Kennedy Award was established by Rochelle Jones, Washington, D. C., in memory of her piano instructor, Rosa Mae Kennedy, and is given to the student judged to have best interpreted the spirit of music. Miss Jones is the daughter of Rev. C. C. Jons of Mendenhall.

GULFPORT EXPERIENCES SPIRITUAL BLESSING

God gave a special blessing to the First church of Gulfport, Sunday, May 6, the closing of the Spiritual Emphasis Week led by Chester Swor. Truly we had a touch of Pentecost. Sixty-six people united with the church. A total of 72 people made a definite stand for the Lord during the Spiritual Emphasis Week.

The wonderful blessings were the results of prayer. Two weeks prior to this day reports came that each hour of the prayer clock had been taken and the people had promised to pray in a definite way for this series of services. The W. M. U. sponsored cottage prayer meetings.

Each Christian who attended these services renewed his vows to the Lord and God was able to save the lost because so many Christians had rededicated their lives and their hearts were in the meetings. Large crowds attended the morning watch at 7:00 a. m. Scores of people reconsecrated their lives at the vesper service as a result of the message based upon the idea of turning over the keys of our lives to the Lord.

One lady said, "We can never be the same again." The pastor, the leaders and workers along with the general membership agree that God brought an unusual blessing to our church and used His servant, Chester Swor, in a mighty way.

Rev. S. P. Andrews of Houka is another good friend of The Baptist Record. He recently sent a nice club of subscriptions.

Chaplain's GI Rights Explained

There are probably many chaplains who are not aware that they are entitled to a year's training at government expense in an accredited institution of higher learning. Any chaplain who has served at least ninety days in the active military or naval service, on or after September 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war, is entitled to this benefit. Or, if the chaplain has been honorably discharged because of some injury incurred during his period of service he may have served less than ninety days and still receive the benefit. Any person who meets the eligibility requirements is entitled to choose the school he wishes to attend, whether or not it is located in the state in which he resides.

While enrolled, he will be paid a subsistence allowance of \$50 a month if he has no dependents, \$75 a month if he has dependents. The government will pay all expenses such as tuition, library and health fees up to and including \$500 for the year.

THE BEST PLAN FOR BIBLE READING H. H. Halley

For over fifty years I have experimented with many plans of Bible reading.

We ought to read the whole Bible through frequently. The Bible is all one story and we need to be familiar with His whole message.

Some parts of the Bible touch our lives more directly and more intimately than other parts, and should be read more often. In the Old Testament God's revelation of Himself was only partial. In the New Testament it is complete. Certainly we should read the New Testament more often than we read the Old Testament.

Each time we read the Old Testament through we should read the Psalms and the New Testament an extra two or three times. Each time we read the New Testament through we should read the four gospels an extra time or two. For example:

The Old Testament—Once.

The Psalms—Three or four times.

The gospels—Five or six times.

Rest of New Testament—Three or four times. Thus we cover the Bible once a year. It would be simpler to make the year's program begin each time with January and end with December.

Such a plan would require an average of twenty to thirty minutes a day, which is not too much time for any Christian. The Bible itself is the Christian's devotional book. We must not neglect it. We have eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep. Surely out of the remaining eight hours we can find half an hour for the direct cultivation of our life with God in God's own Word.

There are two approaches to the Bible. Intellectual and devotional. Surely we need to use our intelligence, but that is of little value unless we apply it to our own lives. In our daily Bible reading the devotional is supposed to predominate.

No part of the Bible should go too long without reading. Instead of going straight through the Bible, divide the Bible into four or five sections, in

THE RIGHT TO DESIGNATE

According to figures published by Dr. Austin Crouch, gifts through the Cooperative Program for Southwide causes for the first three months in 1943 exceeded the gifts for the corresponding period in 1942 by \$141,082.82, while designated gifts increased \$62,719.78—approximately seventy-eight thousand dollars less than the increase in Cooperative Program receipts.

Comparing the first three months in 1944 with the first three months in 1943, the Cooperative Program receipts show an increase of \$63,070.83, and designated gifts an increase of \$156,126.91 or an increase of approximately ninety-three thousand dollars more than the increase in Cooperative Program receipts. This is not a whole-some trend.

Our forefathers, in writing the Declaration of Independence, proclaimed that "all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Southern Baptists have expanded that declaration to read, "Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and—the right to designate." That every Baptist has a right to designate has become a truism among us. But, as a matter of fact, has he?

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

Kansas City, Kans., (RNS)—First hand experience in conducting the activities of a Christian community service center has been gained at the Bethel Neighborhood Center here by eight young people through a work project sponsored by the Kansas Baptist Youth Fellowship. Three similar projects were conducted this year under national auspices, but this was the first venture of its kind by a state group.

Chosen from various towns in Kansas, the young people lived at the center for a month, prepared their own meals, and shared housekeeping duties, as they also assumed charge of the center's activities. They conducted the daily vacation Bible school, supervised the day nursery for children of working parents, visited in homes of the community, taught in the Sunday school, directed recrea-

a plan something like this:

1. Genesis to Esther, to be read once a year.

2. Job to Malachi, except Psalms, once a year.

3. Psalms, three or four times a year.

4. The four gospels, five or six times a year.

5. Acts to Revelation, three or four times.

Thus daily reading in four or five different parts of the Bible will greatly stimulate interest, and gradually build in our hearts a genuine love for God's Word.

The plan is very simple. Have five slips of paper, one for each section, to mark the starting place for the next day, indicating with a pencil the chapter number. Also, for the sections that are to be read more than once a year, mark which reading it is. For example, when you get through the Psalms once, move the slip back to the first chapter, or get a new slip, and mark it "2nd reading." And so for the rest of the sections. Then next year start the program all over again.

For myself I have found the plan as above outlined the most satisfactory I have ever tried, and I heartily commend it to others.

EXPERIENCES IN BAPTISM

By Theodore Whitfield,
Pocahontas, Miss.

I was once calling upon a member of my church—an aged woman—and I said to her, "I am told that you are one of the charter members," and she said, "Yes, I am and I was baptized in the town creek here!" "Indeed," I said, "tell me about it." Then she said, "Away back when we did not have our big beautiful church with its 40 rooms and thousand members—away back before we had the old frame church that we tore down—before we had even a Baptist organization of any kind—two Baptist preachers came here and held a meeting up in a room over a store and I was converted and joined. They took us to the town creek to baptize us. I was a frail young mother at that time and the doctor warned me not to be baptized. My little girl with her arms about my the water. But I had to do it. Well, the doctor long ago went to his re-skirts, begged me not to go down into ward. My little girl grew up and married and bore her two sons and then passed on herself. I am living still."

About the saddest case connected with baptism that I ever experienced was as follows: The wife of a prominent citizen in the town where I was pastor—yes, the wife of a leading officer in another church there—of a church of another denomination—got to coming to my church, and I wondered why she came, until one day she called me aside and told me. She said, "I believe in Baptist baptism." Her own church practiced sprinkling for baptism and, of course, she herself had only been sprinkled and she was not satisfied. Her conscience had been troubling her. The fact is, she told me this astounding thing, namely, that for six years she had been knowing that she ought to be baptized the Bible way. She had been realizing not only that she herself ought to be baptized the right way, but that she should belong to a church that practiced and that taught that way, and furthermore she said that she had entreated and entreated her husband all this time to allow her to follow her Bible and her conscience but that he had been adamant against it. Finally, to my great surprise and joy, too, one day she came to my church all smiling and, at the close of the sermon, came forward and joined for baptism, whispering in my ear, "It's all right with my husband!" I took her down into the baptismal pool and baptized her and raised her up and she clapped her hands and with her face all aglow said, "Oh, everybody, this is the happiest day of my life!" She called me up on the phone the next

tional periods, and led seminars on pertinent problems. They also conducted services in various local churches.

Purpose of the work program was four-fold: simple and cooperative living as a daily Christian discipline; manual labor in providing needed equipment at the center; Christian service through the varied program of the mission; and study and worship for spiritual emphasis in the work.

The Rev. Charles Johnson of Ottawa, state Baptist student secretary, and Miss Rhoda Lundsten, supervisor of Bethel center, directed the project.

Know Your Bible Answers

1. (Wheat varieties), known as the winter, or unbarbed wheat; summer, or bearded wheat. It is one of the oldest cereals in Egypt, before Pharaoh's time. It was stored in pots under the ground, and in dry wells in the courts of the houses.

2. (Meaning of "Zealots"): In Hebrew, "Zealot" meant "Cannanite," because of their zeal. They refused to pay tribute to Herod, the Great, and rebelled against the Romans. (Mark, 3:17 to 19).

3. ('Ossifrage' and meaning): It meant "bone breaker" because of its habit of carrying small animals high up in the air, and letting them fall, breaking them in pieces to get the edible portions for their food.

4. (President Roosevelt's tribute to the Bible in 1940): On Treasure Island, San Francisco Bay, in 1940, an exhibition of Bibles, dating back to the Gutenberg Bible, and others up to the present time, drew a large attendance from all over. The President could not attend, so he wrote this letter: "It is to me a most impressive fact that the Bible, one of the oldest works known to man, remains today pre-eminent as a world's best seller. The universal character of the appeal which the Bible makes, to my mind bears eloquent witness to its Divine origin. Unique alike in its form and in its claims, no other work has made through countless centuries such an appeal to the mind, and heart, and soul, and conscience of mankind as has the Sacred Word."—Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Chaplain A. B. Hill, recently in Belgium and former pastor at Walnut, writes: "The December 7 issue of The Baptist Record just reached me. It is the bonfire issue. May I congratulate you and the Baptists of Mississippi for this commendable accomplishment? I'm pleased, too, that Mrs. Hill and I are among those who 'did it.' In fact, if our names didn't appear, I would feel like the negro Baptist when asked what he would be if he wasn't a Baptist. He replied, 'I would be ashamed of myself.' The Belgium and French money is a souvenir contribution to the cause. Its value is small, being two cents a franc. There is no end to the religious needs over here. Working conditions are strenuous, both for the men and chaplain, but we make the best of it. Have you had a day of prayer for the 'men overseas'? We need it."

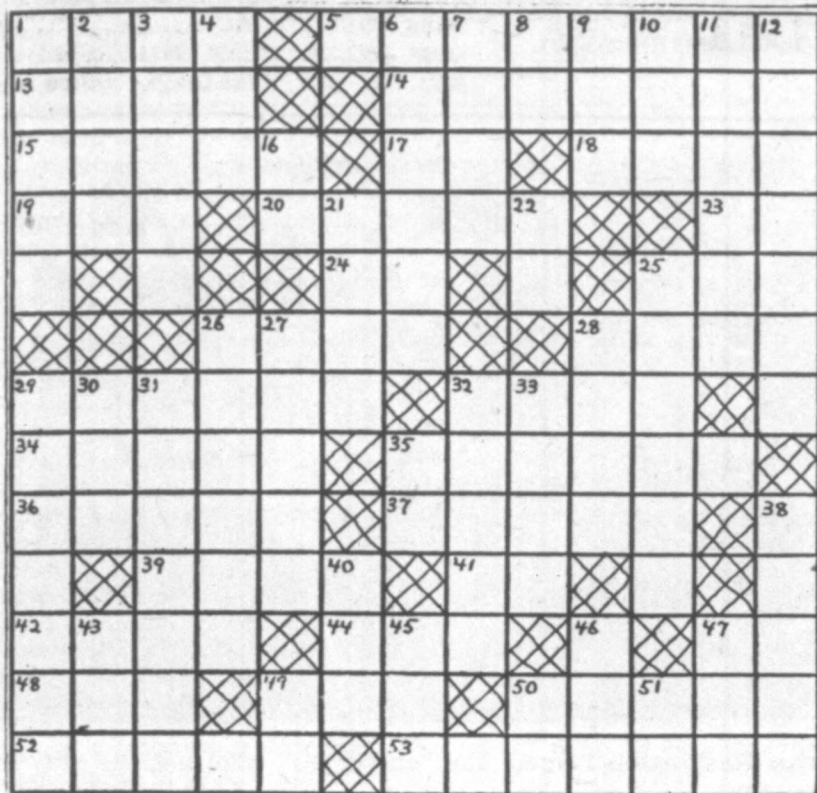
Rev. H. W. Froshour of Deemer recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

Mrs. Elmore Kalbaugh, formerly Fay Cullom, daughter of Chaplain and Mrs. P. E. Cullom, has been elected assistant to the pastor of First church, Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Kalbaugh, who formerly lived in McComb and Clinton, Mississippi, is planning to go with her husband to the foreign fields.

Men, like rivers, grow crooked by following the low places.

day and said, "Isn't it glorious? Isn't it wonderful?" And then, and then, and then, a few days later she called me again and amidst sobs that I could hear over the phone said, "Goodbye, Brother, Whitfield, it's all over. My husband tells me that I must resign from the Baptist church and go back to his church as before." I just said as I hung up the phone, "Poor, poor woman, you are beginning another six years."

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attitude? yet my people have forgotten me days without number."—Jer. 2:32.

DRESS AND ORNAMENTS ACROSS

- 1 Samuel's mother "made him a little ... and brought it to him."
- 5 "she decked herself with her ... and her jewels," Hos. 2:13.
- 13 "And thou shalt put it on a blue ..." Ex. 28:37.
- 14 Genus of orchids.
- 15 A porter, 1 Chron. 26:7.
- 17 Rubidium.
- 18 Plant.
- 19 Knight of St. Anne (Russia).
- 20 "Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy ... from thy feet."
- 23 Degree.
- 24 "put a ring ... his hand."
- 25 Livid (var.); reversed, a vestment.
- 26 "clothe a man with ..."
- 28 "... 13 speaks of sackcloth.
- 29 Birthplace of Peter the Hermit.
- 32 River in England.
- 34 "The ... and nose jewels."
- 35 "an ornament of grace unto thy head, and ... about thy neck."
- 36 "thou shalt make the ... of fine linen," Ex. 28:39.
- 37 Place in a line.
- 39 Existed.
- 41 Indian mulberry.
- 42 Prepare for publication.
- 44 Master.
- 47 "... all to the glory of God."
- 48 Brown color.
- 49 Mutton bird.
- 50 Vestment made for Aaron, Ex. 39:2.
- 52 Samson offered garments of this kind for solving his riddle.
- 53 Garments such as Elijah wore.

DOWN

- 1 Paul asked Timothy to bring him the ... that he left at Troas.
- 2 Grain.
- 3 He stole "a goodly Babylonish garment," Josh. 7:20, 21.
- 4 Number of virgins in a parable.
- 6 From Paul's body "were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or ..."
- 7 The prodigal son received a ...

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.
Called and Accepted

Erwin Reed; Comanche, Florida, from Irwing.

J. B. Hunt, Golden, Oklahoma.

Russell Baker, Eden Church, Ames, Oklahoma.

Clyde W. Campbell, Prague, Oklahoma from Forum.

J. O. Scheer, Deleware, Oklahoma from Silver Lake.

Dewey C. Squyres, Calvary, Okemah, Oklahoma from Lawton.

W. D. Salyers, Woodstock Park, Jacksonville, Fla.

Oscar Figg, Calvary, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

K. M. Anderson, Nicoma Park, Oklahoma.

E. H. Colvin, Pervis Avenue, Oklahoma City, Okla.

G. D. Lukehart, Moore, Oklahoma.

James T. Draper, Central, Jacksonville, Texas from First, Bay City.

Claud Bumpus, Altheimer, Arkansas.

Tully R. Achard, Elaihu, Arkansas from Baton Rouge, La.

L. R. Gentry, Putnam, Texas.

Herman Coe, First, Jasper, Texas from Spur.

Floyd Harris, Comfort, Texas.

Olie T. Brown, Rotan, Texas from Edgewood.

Doyle McCelvy, First, Three Rivers, Texas from Crockett.

W. T. Lee, First, O'Dem, Texas from Benevideo.

E. O. Edwards, First, Corbin, Kentucky from Greenville, S. C.

W. F. Floyd, First, Athens, Texas from Grapeland.

J. T. Daniel, Beulah Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

R. C. Brinkley, Immanuel, El Dorado, Arkansas from Austin, Texas.

John H. Knight, Bethesda Church, Durham, N. C.

David K. Shelton, Wingate, N. C., from Hamstead, N. J.

George H. Hugg, Alba, Texas.

Roy O'Brien, Sand Springs, Texas.

O. T. Bolton, Pleasant Hill Church, Deridder, La.

A. Frank Roberts, Mt. Zion Church, Mann, La., from Newellton.

Don Stirling, Calvary, Lake Charles, La., from Franklinton.

R. W. Williams, Deridder, La., from Many.

G. Bennett, Antioch Church, Tickfaw, La.

J. S. Deal, Start, La., from Silver City, Miss.

W. F. Woodall, South Lenoir, N. C., from Maiden.

Dan Luper, Edgemont Church, Dallas, Texas from Ferris.

Lester C. Bell, Central, Pelly, Texas from First, Fletcher, Okla.

D. E. Coyle, Trinity Church, Baton Rouge, La., from Spring Creek.

H. E. Pettus, Lake Arthur, La.

Resigned

Henry Alford Porter, First, Charlottesville, Va. (retired).

D. W. Boone, Second Avenue church, Dallas, Texas.

Earl Slaughter, Bidglea Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

J. E. Thompson, Chaplaincy from Omaha, Texas.

Daniel B. Weaver, Chaplaincy from Navarro Mills, Texas.

Roy Irwin, Klondyke, Texas.

J. T. Summers, Woodlawn Church, Little Rock, Ark.

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Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been invited to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, of which he is a member, in London, England, in August. The meeting is being called by Dr. J. H. Rushbroke, president of the alliance, to make plans for the next world meeting of the alliance and to consider relief work to be done in the war-devastated areas.



(Answers On Page Eight)

1. Wheat, being one of our most necessary commodities, is not only mentioned in the Bible, but also several varieties by which it was known. What were these varieties?

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2. A certain group of Canaanites, in the time of Jesus, were known as "Zealots." They were rebellious and recognized no foreign rules. Who were the "Zealots" and why were they rebellious?

...

3. One of the unclean animals listed in the Bible, bore the name of 'Ossifrage.' Suppose you were asked to describe it, and meaning of name, how would you reply?

4. With the sudden passing of our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, on Thursday, April 12, our nation and other nations knew him as a real Christian, one who was loved by all denominations. (See below his statement on the Bible as written in 1940).

It's Different Now

The telephone rang! A troubled voice came sobbing out the story of another girl who had fallen prey to the lax moral conditions of our country. "Could you take her? She has been a good girl. Our hearts are broken. We don't understand how a thing like this could happen."

Sin has struck again at the very vitals of life. Southern Baptists do have a home to which she can come. With the cooperation of the Southern Baptist Hospital, these girls are received sympathetically—not minimizing their sin, but magnifying the power of the gospel. Our Woman's Home is a salvage station.

The woman in grateful words said, "I can only thank you. I have read about, given to, and even visited the Woman's Emergency Home, but in a rather impersonal way, not dreaming any of my loved ones would ever need its services. But it is different now."

Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, Supt.,

740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans.

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WARN 'BIG 3' AGAINST MEDIATION BY ANY RELIGIOUS GROUP

New York—(RNS)—Opposition was expressed here by 1600 Christian ministers and religious leaders to "any attempt under whatever formula to involve the free democratic states in any deal in which the Vatican state or its representatives or the representatives of any Protestant or Jewish establishment of religion, has part or place, either as principal or mediator."

The statement was addressed to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Marshal Joseph Stalin on the eve of the meeting of the "big three" leaders of the United States, Great Britain, and Russia, and was issued by Kenneth Leslie, editor of The Protestant, a monthly journal published here.

"This declaration is in defense of religion, because when religious institutions become involved in politics they lose their integrity and freedom," Mr. Leslie said. "It is basic to democracy that establishments of religion be uninvolved in politics, whether national or international."



Baptist Training Union

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MISS LOUISE HILL Associate
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MRS. L. E. WILLIAMS, Office Secretary

JEFF DAVIS ISSUES ATTRACTIVE BULLETIN

We appreciate receipt of several Association Training Union Bulletins from the Jeff Davis Association. Mrs. Howard Hartzog is the efficient associational secretary and is responsible for the bulletin. The last one is decorated with "sunshine" and "rain," suggesting that instead of a good day the rain fell and the April 24 meeting was almost rained out, but the sun will shine again, and so May 20 was set for a second try for this special program. Nothing like an attractive bulletin to get your announcements to the people. They cost little and pay such big dividends. Takes somebody's interest though to get them out, about a good half day's work each time.

Thanks to Brother Z. A. Polk for a report of a good study course at Big Level church, Stone county. Three classes were taught by home talent, and each class was well attended. This is the first study course reported in Stone county this year. You have set the pace, may all other churches in the county and association follow. Congratulations.

Riverside Association has completed their Training Union organization. Now a responsible person for each responsible place has been appointed, thus assuring a successful promotional program for the year.

As this goes to press, a special meeting of the State Training Union Convention officers and the presidents of our district conventions are in meeting at First Baptist Church, Jackson. This is a significant meeting in that plans are being made for some very definite promotional work by these leaders. Next week we will give you the results of this meeting.

TWO NEW UNIONS

Thanks to Pastor E. L. Scruggs for the report of two newly organized unions, one at Sand Hill church, Greene county; the other at County Line, Jones county. One of the very first things this progressive pastor did was to lead each union in the study of Training Union methods that they might be able to carry the work on in an effective way. Three units were started in each place. Officers and leaders for Sand Hill are: Director, Mrs. Ray Freeman; associate director, T. H. Walley; secretary, Miss Junia Walley; chorister, Spencer Wade; pianist, Mrs. D. T. Horn; Story Hour leader, Mrs. Add Beard; Junior leader, Mrs. Howard Hollingshead; Intermediate leader, Mrs. Shelton Byrd. Officers and leaders for County Line: Director, Mrs. G. V. Smith; associate director, Mrs. Haywood Creel; secretary, Mrs. Edward Cline; chorister, Imogene Woodward; pianist, Miss Darsie Ree Walley; Story Hour leader, Mrs. Brayle Woodward; Junior leader, Mrs. Howard Hale; Intermediate leader, Mrs. Elizabeth Boutwell.

Europe's Baptists Praised For Remaining True To Faith

London (By Wireless to RNS)—Even in Germany "where the pressure was most terrible," the Baptists of Europe have remained faithful under intense suffering, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, told the Baptist Union at a meeting here to discuss plans for post-war reconstruction.

Declaring that there was "no hypocrisy" among Germany's Baptists and that "we may look to them as having kept the faith," Dr. Rushbrooke quoted a German churchman as having said: "The trouble with us in Germany is that we never had a strong non-conformity, as you have in England. If we had had that, we would never have come to this pass."

It was announced that British Baptists will seek to raise a fund of 150,000 pounds (approximately \$675,000) for church aid after the war. Of the total, 100,000 pounds will be spent on church needs at home and the balance for churches abroad.

Four years ago, a minister was called to a church in a workingman's community—a hard field—in which officials used all sorts of devices to raise money to pay the preacher's salary and other expenses. Before the minister gave his answer, he required the leaders of the church to agree not to attempt to raise money through their usual devices including bazaars,

sales, entertainments, and "stunts." The leaders at first demurred, then "by faith" agreed to let the minister work out his ideas of teaching the members of the church to practice "tithing." The minister accepted the call. Now the church is on a soul-winning basis; its budget is almost treble of what it was; a local radio program is used every Sunday to help in promoting the ministry of the church; missionary and other benevolences have been increased; joy reigns and Christ, The Savior and Lord is being glorified.

EVANGELICAL BROADCASTERS CHARGE DISCRIMINATION

Chicago—(RNS)—The National Religious Broadcasters, an organization of producers and directors of evangelical radio programs, asserted at their second annual convention here that members "are militated against by the assignment of Protestant radio time to the Federal Council of Churches, because of the religious liberalism predominant in the latter movement."

Dr. Clinton H. Churchill, pastor of the Churchill Tabernacle in Buffalo, N. Y., who was elected president of the group, said the most recent cancellation of radio religious programs was the announced banning of Chicago's station WAIT of all sponsored



"George Washington favors" and "cherry pie" were not the only features which attracted some 60 Intermediate boys and girls to a banquet at the Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. There was a good program and a real spirit of enthusiasm for work of the Intermediate unions. Mrs. Cecil Lipscomb is the director for that department and was back of all the preparations with the assistance of her able workers. Miss Edith Taylor, the educational secretary, brought a message to these Intermediates as a climax to the banquet. Dr. W. A. Bell is the pastor.

Fifth Avenue Hattiesburg reports a standard Intermediate Training Union Department. They have four unions in the department and two of them were standard for the quarter, the 13-year-old and the 16-year-old unions. Mrs. W. A. Moody is their director, and Mr. T. F. Ainsworth is general director of the Training Union. Congratulations.

Scott county has completed their Associational Training Union organization, according to Mr. E. C. Williams, who attended a joint session of the Sunday school and Training Union meeting in that association recently. A good organization with many people assuming responsibility is the life of the work. Let each officer be "faithful unto death."

State Line Pastor Asks A Question

In last week's Record the editorial page carried a letter from Dr. Edward A. McDowell of Louisville Seminary to President Truman commending him highly for his humble attitude in petitioning "Pray for Me."

Now comes a note from Mobile Press Register under date of April 30 stating:

"On April 10 (should be 12) two of Harry Truman's old friends from Kansas City arrived in Washington and called him. He checked his calendar and said he could see them that Thursday evening, and that they should arrange a poker game . . . At 6 p. m. Thursday the game was ready. . ."

Now, if this report is true, did our new President change over night or is he a puzzle? Which view are we to take of him? Shall we say he is a "poker player" or "a man of prayer?" We can't say both. They don't mix. He is either one or the other. Of course, when he told his friends "that they should arrange a poker game" he was Vice-President, and when he requested "Pray for me" he was President. Has a change come in the office or in the new President's heart? Surely, if

religious broadcasts, effective June 2. At least eight of the programs of the evangelical type will be forced off the air as a result, he said. (Editor's note: Beer and wines seem to be able to buy time. But not religious programs.)

Mt. Nebo Dedicated

Mt. Nebo Church, Newton County, was dedicated free of debt on April 29. A history of the church and a roll call of the pastors by Pastor C. E. Snowden revealed that the following pastors had served since the organization in 1882: J. M. McCalister, E. S. Stephens, J. V. Parker, I. L. Story, S. D. Chesney, W. L. Collins, W. H. Rainer, Eugene Stephens, A. B. Culpepper, Eugene Breland, Marion Breland, Truly Reynolds and C. E. Snowden.

Special prayer was offered for former Pastor Rev. Eugene Stephens, who had undergone a serious operation and also for the men in service from the church and community.

The sermon was preached by Rev. O. F. Parker of Laurel and the pastor brought the dedicatory prayer.—C. E. Snowden, Pastor.

he is a poker player he genuinely needs prayer, but we don't need that kind of man (if he is that type) in the President's chair.

Let's hope and be charitable with it that he has completely changed in heart as well as in office and that we truly have a man of prayer in the Chief Executive of our nation.

Paul exhorts, "That, first of all, supplications, intercessions, prayers, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority. . . ." (1 Tim. 2:1). We should give ourselves over to prayer for Mr. Truman. No doubt, our country would be far better off today had we been all along down the line devoting more time in prayer for our government and its officials.

Fraternally yours,
T. E. SWEARINGEN, Pastor.

Sunday School Department

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

W. E. ROBERTS, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

The Meridian Week

The week of April 23-27 was Better Bible Teaching Week in the city of Meridian and Lauderdale County, with meetings each night in the First Baptist Church.

A total of twelve churches were represented and the enrollment was nearly 400. Miss Pauline Hargis, Miss Alene Bryan, Mrs. Lillian Rice, Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Mr. Philip Harris and Dr. Howard Reaves, all of the Sunday School Board, Mr. J. L. Corzine, Sunday School secretary of South Carolina, together with the workers of the state Sunday School Department, composed the faculty. It was a very splendid week's work and evidences of good results were many.

Pastors, officers, teachers and others were most cooperative. There was an excellent spirit all the way through and the people came in great numbers with a willingness to enter heartily into the full program. The emphasis was strictly teaching, and for all the departments of a school.

Making It 100%

It is encouraging to note the number of associations that are this year setting their goal as 100% in Vacation Bible schools. This is certainly right and we hope many others will. This is one part of the program, like all the others, that fits into the work of any church.

The Vacation Bible School is not only a great teaching opportunity for the boys and girls, but is also one that presents a very favorable evangelistic privilege. It makes a most definite and worthwhile contribution to the program of any church, and one that is permanent.

The books may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. The 1945 series of textbooks is Beginner B, Primary B, Junior D and Intermediate D. The Principal's Package should also be secured for the help it will be to the Principal. The time for the school should be set, the faculty enlisted, the books secured, and the school well advertised.

The free packages of helpful promotional Vacation Bible school literature may also be secured by writing the state Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Don't fail your boys and girls this summer by not having a school, but begin now to plan definitely for one, and then all will be glad.

No Pep Pills, Sorry

We have recently received several requests from various places to be sure and send them "something that will put pep into our meetings and work."

We are just as sorry as we can be, but we just do not have a thing we can mail out whereby "pep" can be administered by remote control. We have been under the impression all along that pep had to come from the leaders, and not by something that must be "ordered off after."

Of course, we are fully aware of the importance of being informed for aiding the spirit of programs and meetings, but the information gathered must be so used and applied by the leaders that it will also become effective in those who follow. It is not a thing that can be "mailed" or made effective by remote control. It must

be personal all the way through.

No, we do not have any "Pep Pills" to mail out, and we are sorry.

Intermediate Hours

Next Sunday, May 20, will be the special Baptist Hour service for Intermediates, at 7:30 a. m. It is hoped that many teachers and leaders of Intermediates will plan Radio Breakfasts for that morning for the purpose of having as many Intermediates as possible listen to that program.

Dr. M. E. Dodd is the speaker and he has been assigned a special subject that will be attractive to Intermediates. The purpose of this program is to help all people, but the special emphasis is that which will be suitable for Intermediate boys and girls. Many reports have come of such meetings of Juniors on April 22 and we hope that the same will be true of that great group of Intermediate boys and girls over the South.

The Motive

A great deal is said, written, thought done and planned about getting the people to attend the services of the church. This is all on the right track, too, for much should be done about a matter so important.

However, in it all, let's not forget that the motive back of all this is the spiritual development of the people. We want to help those who need help—many of whom do not realize their great need of Christ and what He has to offer them. When we go out on a visitation program to get the people to come, let's keep very clearly in mind that we are not after them to merely go somewhere—not even to church—just for the sake of going, but because we know that a spiritual blessing awaits all who come and will put themselves in the right frame of mind and soul to get the blessing. We verily believe that this feeling on the part of Christian people who go out in their communities to enlist the people will put new vigor in them, give a much-needed stimulus to the going, and add an interest and enthusiasm that will go far toward reaching the unenlisted for the church services.

Yes, we want to continue to go after the people, but let us keep very clearly and definitely in mind all the time just what is the real purpose of our going and why it is that we want them to come. It certainly is not simply to have a larger attendance than previously—just to say we had it—but that this larger attendance may be more blessed through all the church of the Lord Jesus Christ has to offer. When we do it this way, not only will those to whom we go and whom we seek to help be blessed, but we also who GO will at the same time receive as great a blessing, if not a greater one. We cannot strive earnestly, lovingly, faithfully, and prayerfully to really help some other one without being helped in return.

The Motive is the main thing just here. And that Motive is to be a blessing to others as the Lord may lead and use us as humble servants in his great and glorious cause. So long as we are undergirded and moved and impelled by this great motivating dynamic, just so long will our own ministry be much richer and sweeter as the days go by.

Cincinnati Archdiocese Bans Participation of Catholics in public religious presentations with non-Catholics: A communication over the signature of the Chancellor of the Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Msgr. John K. Mussio, and addressed to priests of this area, instructed that "Catholics should not participate in any public presentation with members of other faiths under the auspices of religion." The communication, presumably prepared at the direction of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, was thought to have reference to recent interfaith efforts here.

Christianity has various forms but only one mission.

Personnel of the Northern Combat Area Command in Northern Burma have donated \$1,100 for the complete Memorial Baptist Church in Bhamo, repair and beautification of Robert's which was originally built and financed by the Kachin natives before the present war. To humiliate Kachins who had embraced the Christian faith, Japanese first used the church to stable mules. Later it served as living quarters for a Japanese general. With the fall of Bhamo, however, some 35 Americans, Chinese and Burmese worked for a month to restore the premises and building.

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April 25, 1945

Dr. D. A. McCall
Baptist Building,
Jackson 105, Mississippi
Dear Brother McCall:

Our committee has received several cables from Moscow, thanking Southern Baptists for the 175,000 kits we sent to our suffering Russian neighbors last year—these cables being signed by our Baptist leaders in Russia. I enclose the latest cable, dated March 3, 1945.

We have been asked to make another appeal to our people, and our committee would like the advice and approval of the State Secretaries as to the proposal of an appeal for 100,000 kits this summer, probably in July. I have talked with Dr. Crouch, and he is favorable to this plan.

We have testimonies from Mrs. Armstrong, Secretary Rankin, Secretary Cooke and Dr. Rushbrooke, commending this second appeal for kits. Before we publish our folders to be distributed for this appeal for another 100,000 kits from Southern Baptists, I am asking you, and each of our State Secretaries, to let me know how you feel about this appeal, and if I may include the statement that you favor this appeal. Our records show that your state sent 6,818 kits in the first campaign.

I believe that the kits we have already sent have done much good in meeting the needs of our suffering neighbors in the war-stricken areas of Russia, and that we have thus made a point of contact with our Baptist brethren in Russia which may open many effectual doors tomorrow.

I will appreciate an early reply from you, since we hope to announce the appeal at an early date. I hope you will also convey to your associates this proposal, and ask their cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIE D. NEWTON, Chairman,
SBC Committee on Russian Kits.

MOSCOW, USSR.

PRESS RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF NEW YORK CITY.

The All Union Council of Evangelists and Baptists conveyed to me a message of greetings for the chairman of the convention of Southern Baptists of the United States, Louie D. Newton, thanking them for efforts in behalf of Russian War Relief.

The message follows:

"Dear Brother Newton: Mr. Leo Gruliov, representative for Russian War Relief, conveyed to us your message reporting the contributions by our brothers and sisters of the Southern Baptists of the United States of one hundred and seventy-five thousand kits for the people of our country who have suffered from the enemy occupation.

We are deeply moved by this love and care exhibited by the Baptists of the great friendly United States for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have experienced all the horrors of war.

In the name of our numerous brothers and sisters and members of their families residing in the areas where the pitiless enemy's hordes have passed, leaving behind them ashes and ruins of villages and towns—in the name of those who have suffered and experienced the joy of receiving brotherly aid from their foreign friends—we send our most heartfelt thanks to all Southern Baptists of the United States who participated in the great noble Russian War Relief campaign for aid to Russia. May the Lord grant all American churches still further zeal in this holy cause.

With brotherly greetings of love and respect.

Chairman, A. I. ZHIDKOV,
Vice Chairman, M. I. GOLYAYEV,
Secretary General A. V. KAREV,
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Irishman Defends Scripture Reading

Never was a better reply made than that a poor Irishman gave to a Catholic priest, while he was defending himself for reading the scriptures for himself. Said the priest, "The Bible is for priests, and not for the likes of you." "Ah! but sir," he answered, "I was reading in my Bible, 'You shall read it to your children,' and sure the priests have no children." "But, Michael," said the priest, "you cannot understand the Bible. It is not for you to understand it, my man." "Very well, yer riverence; if I cannot understand it, it will do me no harm, but what I can understand does me a heap o' good." "Mike," said the priest, "you must go to the church, and the church will teach you; the church will give you the milk of the Word." "And where does the church get it from, but out of the Bible? Ah, your riverence, I would rather keep the cow

MRS. RUFUS B. SMITH

Mrs. Rufus B. Smith, native of Carroll County, and daughter of the late Frank Shelton, from Tennessee and Mary Russell Shelton from Virginia, passed away on April 6, 1945.

Mrs. Smith united with the Baptist Church in early girlhood. She was a faithful member and spent a busy and useful life.

Funeral services were held from Valden Baptist Church. Rev. Madison Flowers, her pastor, conducted the service. Interment was in the Old Shongalo Cemetery.

Survivors include five daughters: Mrs. Walter R. Davis, Mrs. C. H. Butt, Misses Ruth and Rivers Smith of Valden, and Mrs. Ed W. Carter of Kosciusko; two sons, C. F. Smith of Boyle and R. B. Smith of Valden; and two sisters, Mrs. B. T. McGee and Mrs. John Campbell of Beaumont, Texas.

—BR—
Laws are never broken; you can break yourself but not a law. myself.—Chapel News.

Catchings Welcomes Pastor

Mid-week prayer service at Catchings Baptist Church Wednesday evening was a happy occasion. One hundred seventeen people met for prayer and praise as Brother Gilbert, the Deer Creek associational missionary, led the service. At the close of the meeting the people pledged cooperation with the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Dan Morton, who have just moved on the field.

The group then went to the lawn at the rear of the church where fish and coffee were being prepared. While enjoying the eats, Bro. and Mrs. Morton were ushered into the parlor and were surprised with a huge, old-fashioned "pounding." The church truly enjoyed an evening of real Christian fellowship.

Rev. Morton has been preaching at Catchings and Cary since December, while finishing work on his Th.M. degree at the Baptist Bible Institute.

Blue Mountain Cancels Meeting

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 7—Cooperating with the war effort and in compliance with a request from the Federal Security Agency, it has been decided to call off the meeting of the Blue Mountain College National Student-Alumnae Association this year and the usual class reunions incident thereto. This announcement comes from Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Booneville, president of the Association.

The officers of the Association and officers of the Junior Association will meet here May 26, Senior Day, the minutes of last year's meetings will be read, and a luncheon will be given to the Senior Class and Alumnae who are present. Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, president of the local club will be in charge of arrangements for the day.

A portrait of President Lawrence T. Lowrey will be presented to the college at the luncheon. Painting of the portrait was sponsored by the Junior Alumnae Association.

—BR—

Rev. R. C. Ryan has accepted the pastorate at Ocean Springs. He succeeds Rev. J. F. Sullivan, who recently resigned.

N. S. Brewer, member of Hebron of his book "Truth About War" to church, Clay county, will send a copy anyone upon request. There is no charge. His address is Pheba.

He was reared in Louisiana, and finished Louisiana College in 1940. Mrs. Morton, a native Alabamian, finished Alabama College at Montevallo, and received her M. C. T. at Baptist Bible Institute last year.—Mary Foster Donald, reporter.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for May 20, 1945

THE DEFEAT OF THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

The larger lesson is taken from three books:

(1) **The Division of the Hebrew Monarchy** (1 Kings 12:1-17) was due to the folly of Rehoboam of Judah in his rough answer to the popular demands at Shechem, for then under wicked Jeroboam "Israel rebelled against the house of David."

(2) **The Decline of the Southern Kingdom** (2 Kings 11-25, especially 16; 21-25), though brightened by the righteous reigns of Hezekiah and Josiah, was featured by the power of such wicked kings as Ahaz, Manasseh, and Jehoahaz. At length came the captivity under the last three kings: Jehoiakim who rebelled against Babylon and brought upon him hordes of invaders; Jehoiachin who after the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar was removed to Babylon; and Zedekiah whose rebellion brought Nebuchadnezzar against Jerusalem now to destroy the city, spoil the Temple, massacre the nobles, deport the able-bodied, and leave a remnant incapable of insurrection.

(3) **The Defeat and Deportation of Judah** were predicted (Jer. 18-39, especially 18-20; 27-29). The marred vessel pictured the scattered nation, and the broken bottle portrayed the sacked city, while the smitten prophet survived the wicked persecutor. When captivity was imminent, Jeremiah urged the duty of surrender to Nebuchadnezzar as best for neighboring nations and the only hope of Judah; also, the duty of contentment in Babylonian exile in view of certain restoration in seventy years.

Lesson Text and Outline Jeremiah 18:1-10, 15, 17

I. The Clay in the Potter's Hand Vv. 1-4.

II. The Nation in the Lord's Hand. Vv. 5-10, 15, 17.

Notes Analytical and Explanatory

1. Recovery follows repentance as pictured by the adaptable clay in the potter's hand. At God's command Jeremiah went down from the Temple mount to the potter's house in a near-by valley. He found the potter making and molding clay with his wheels, one stationary and the other revolving upon or within it. The molding was done according to definite pattern and purpose. If any vessel was marred, it was remolded in the same design or shaped after another (perhaps inferior) pattern. What, then, did the prophet see? God was the potter and Judah was the clay. Yet as owner and operator God was not an autocrat dealing with inanimate and irresponsible matter. The country was, indeed, under his supreme control and command, but free to make its own moral choices. As proprietor of his people he had for them a definite pattern and a high purpose which, however, could be attained only with their assent and active co-operation. And since they could either obey or disobey, they (not the divine Potter) were responsible for being marred or rendered useless. Timely, therefore, was the warning against wickedness and urgent the

duty to repent of sin and return to God. Alas, that they faltered and failed!

2. Disaster follows disobedience as pronounced upon the impenitent nation in the Lord's hand. Let the historian (2 Kings 25) tell how this prophecy of Jeremiah was fulfilled.

(1) The fury of Nebuchadnezzar was aroused against Judah. His reign of forty-three years over Babylon was one of the most glorious in human statesmanship and achievement that the world has ever seen. Jerusalem had felt his power in 605 B. C. and acknowledged his sovereignty. But Zedekiah, whom he left upon a vassal throne, had rebelled and called upon Egypt to aid in throwing off the Babylonian yoke. And now the Babylonian army invades the Syrian states and lays siege to the Jewish capital. For a year and a half the siege lasted until famine stalked the streets and the king was like a worm in hot ashes. The Egyptians approached and though the Babylonians withdrew for a time, they soon returned to complete their deadly work. At last the walls were punctured by hostile battering-rams, a breach was made in the city, and the princes of the king of Babylon came in. Babylon was victorious. It was the beginning of the end. (2) The fall of Jerusalem was marked by ancient Oriental cruelty as the victors turned greedily upon their prey. The captured capital must be so crushed that future rebellions would be impossible. The nobles were therefore slain. A fierce conflagration was started consuming the palace, the best houses of the city, and even the Temple, that sanctuary which had stood for 470 years since Solomon's day. All who could be serviceable in servitude were then herded together and driven away to Babylon. Only the poor and the helpless were left in the land. The city was utterly devastated, the country was harried to bedrock, and the temporal power of Judah was forever obliterated.

The Lesson of the Lesson Sin Debases and Destroys

(1) **Sin Recoils.** Foolishly Judah rebelled against Babylon. Jeremiah the prophet warned against it. But Zedekiah the king thought he could safely sin. Too late he discovered his mistake.

(2) **Sin Attacks.** The army of Satan is far stronger than that of Nebuchadnezzar. His siege does not stop with eighteen months. His assaults are bitter and determined. We must have help to resist him.

(3) **Sin Starves.** In Jerusalem "the famine was sore." Judah was eating bread from its own harvest. And there was no nourishment in it. The apples of Sodom were not luscious. The prodigal has only husks for daily food.

(4) **Sin Routs.** The devotees of sin became its victims. Their strongest wall of defense crumbles. Their mightiest men of war turn cowards. Sinners sink away under the scourge of their sin.

(5) **Sin Shackles.** There is no chain so galling, so repressing, so repellent, as that of sin. And the links are forged by the victim himself. There is but One who can snap the sin-shackle and free the soul.

(6) **Sin Devastates.** Every good house in Jerusalem, every palace and public building, and even the Temple, itself, went down in ashes and ruin before the Babylonian conflagration.



DR. G. S. DOBBINS

Calvary Church, Jackson Plans "Sunday School Improvement Clinic"

May 21-25, Calvary church, Jackson, will have a "Sunday School Improvement Clinic." The time will be 7:30 each evening Monday through Friday.

The book to be taught is, "The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School."

Dr. G. S. Dobbins, professor of religious education, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will be the instructor.

All Baptist churches are invited to attend and take advantage of this rare opportunity.—Curtis Beard, superintendent of training.

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Miss Jane Wood, for the past two years minister of music at First church, Columbus, has resigned in order to accept appointment with the American Red Cross as assistant director of a rest and recreation camp for overseas.

It is a picture of the havoc of sin.

(7) **Sin Enslaves.** For every captive sinner there is reserved an eternal prison. But pardon is available. The slave of sin can be set free if he calls on the great Liberator before it is too late. Now is the accepted time. Look to Christ for liberty.

Gold in the Golden Text

The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psalm 1:6.

The righteous are right in their relation to God and man. They are right both in heart and life, alike in character and conduct. But their righteousness is not original with them. It is imputed and imparted by him who in mercy knows their way and crowns it with glorious reward.

On the other hand, the wicked who despise righteousness, disobey and defy God, and become debased and depraved, shall disappear so utterly that not a vestige of their proud way shall remain after them.

EVANGELICALS CRITICIZE STATE DEPARTMENT

Chicago—(RNS)—Criticism of the state department for selecting the Protestant advisers to the U. S. delegation at the San Francisco Conference from the Federal Council of Churches was voiced here by Dr. J. Elwin Wright, field secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, at the association's third annual convention.

Dr. Wright told the delegates that the state department's action "leaves the majority of Protestantism not only without representation but in the false position of appearing to be represented by an organization the views of which are in conflict with the views of evangelicals on doctrinal and political questions of supreme importance."

—BR—

CHURCHES URGED TO GET BUILDING MONEY NOW

Churches planning postwar building and improvement programs were urged by E. M. Conover, director of the Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, to raise funds now "with all possible speed" so that hampering church building debts may be prevented.

For years, he said, general church erection funds of Protestant denominations have been used largely to save churches from unfortunate financial situations brought about by poorly-managed church building ventures.

He urged denominational leaders to insist that from now on church erection funds be used only for needed projects, particularly in unchurched communities and for the replacement of inadequate and out-moded buildings.

—BR—

It was 72 and not 62. In last week's Baptist Record a paragraph stated that Oak Grove Church, Jeff Davis county had 70 out of 62 present at Sunday School. They had 70 present but the enrollment is 72.

Supply available: Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux, home missionary, will be filling some engagements in Mississippi the first week in June and will be available as supply on June 3. Anyone interested should contact the W. M. U. office in Jackson.

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The Drew Baptist Church features an All-Girl Choir in its Sunday morning worship program. These girls are members of the Glee Club and choral groups of the Drew High School and have received excellent training at the hands of Miss Elizabeth Bustin, head of the Music Department.

From left to right they are:
Front Row: Misses Helen Shurden, Verna Tucker, Margaret Cummings, Mary Ann Bell, Nannette Walker, Mary Rose Manning, Charles McDaniel, Audice Lee Viner.
Second Row: Misses Hortense Floyd, Floy Jean Pinnix, Jewel Ferguson, Bettie Sue Carol, Ruth McWhorter, Kath-

ryn Mims, Virginia Ann Walker, Mary Ann Sistrunk, Antionette Eiland.
Back Row: Mrs. W. S. Hardin, organist, Misses Emma Jean Manning, Jacqueline Bramlett, Kathryn Dantzler, Ann Walker, Bettie Jane Watson, Elaine Breazeale, Carolyn Reid, Barbara Grittmann, director, Dr. W. S. Hardin, pastor.

MRS. NELL (HALES) DUKES

Resolutions of love and respect from the White Oak W. M. U. on the death of our beloved member Mrs. Nell (Hales) Dukes, who died Dec. 28, 1944. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hales, born April 12, 1920, a member of White Oak Baptist Church and wife of Woodrow Dukes. She was the mother of one child, Kelly Hammon Dukes.

Whereas, we feel most keenly our great loss in her departure and miss her Christian support in our church and W. M. U., her deeds of kindness and Christian thoughtfulness in time of sorrow, need and sickness, will be remembered by those whom she served; and

Whereas, we desire to pay tribute in this small way as an expression of our love and appreciation for her and her loved ones; and

Whereas, we feel that the wound concealed in the hearts of her loved ones will never heal. But safe and bright the stars are shining over the grave, of a loved one whom they tried so hard to save; and

Whereas, we who stand with breaking

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ANOTHER SISSY?

George Frederick Beurling, 20 years of age, is the "ace" of Canadian fliers, at the moment, indeed the ace of all the fliers on our side. He has shot down 29 planes. However, he is nothing but a sissy. Read what he writes to his mother:

"Well, Mum, let me put you at ease now. I don't smoke and don't drink and I don't swear, either. You know when I was a youngsters—not that I'm not one now—you advised me not to indulge in any of those habits. Your training of me couldn't have been better. You always said I'd thank you some day and my only regret is I've not thanked you sooner. Not only for bringing me to such clean living physically and mentally, but for, you could say, saving my life. I'll explain. In this game, split seconds count and if it hadn't been for your training, I probably wouldn't be here, but I am and will continue to stay here until I come home. Smoking and drinking, etc., slow up your mind and reactions are bound to be slower. I've got my own ideas about fighting."—The Voice.

hearts in God's house, look to Him for comfort through sorrow, trials and tribulations, we wish to say, "Sleep on dear friends, your task on earth is done, and we hope some day to meet you in that bright eternal home."

And whereas we realize that her loving guidance will be missed in our W. M. U., her being one of our acting members, we wish to submit these resolutions and ask that a copy be sent to her father and mother, one to the Dukes family and one to The Baptist Record.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BERTIE GIBSON,
MRS. MARGIE DUKES,
MRS. ROBBIE DUKES,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION REV. E. CLINTON SHEEHAN

Whereas, for the past 16 months the Phalti Baptist Church of Prentiss, Mississippi, has been blessed in having as our pastor, Rev. E. Clinton Sheehan. We know it is the wish and desire of the entire membership that Bro. Sheehan and his family might be permitted to remain with us, yet we realize that it is the leadership of God that calls them to another field of work and we are happy with them in that they are willing to say, "Here am I Lord, send me."

During the past 16 months Bro. Sheehan has devoted much time and energy in a quiet unassuming way. Because of his unusual talents, deep prayer life, consecration, devotion, skill and tact he has developed a fine spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation which will continue to be felt for many years to come. His earnest and forceful preaching has inspired us to live better and to do our best for the cause of Christ and His kingdom and we shall constantly feel the Godly influence of his noble character.

We do feel keenly the loss of Bro. Sheehan and his family and we wish to express to them our deepest appreciation of their faithful service in our church and community—a real labor of love, expressing their hearts' desire to build us up in all the Christian virtues, that we might become more consecrated servants in God's kingdom. We especially appreciate their interest and untiring efforts in behalf of our young people.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That we pray that nothing shall hinder him from continuing his wonderful work for our Master and the upbuilding of

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On April 29 the writer concluded a two weeks' revival with the First Baptist Church of Teague, Texas. The singing was led by Buck Littlefield, pastor's assistant of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Waco. There were sixteen additions to the church upon profession of faith and twelve additions by letter. Superb preparations for the meeting had been made under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. A. P. Hamrick. Brother Hamrick has been in Teague only a few months, but has an excellent grasp on the work there and pastor and people are very happy together.—H. H. Hargrove. (Editor's note: Dr. Hargrove is another Mississippian loaned to Texas.)

His kingdom.

That we ask God's richest blessings upon him and his family in their new home and we heartily commend them to the people of Houma, La.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes and that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record and to Bro. Sheehan.

The above resolutions were unanimously passed in conference of the Phalti Baptist Church on Sunday, April 22, 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Parish,
S. W. Thompson,
Ruby Booth,
W. D. Griffith,
Mrs. Roberta Burrow,
Committee.

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SPIRITUAL AWAKENING NEEDED, SAYS SHUT-IN

Mrs. James D. Chester, Eden, Mississippi, has written a letter, part of which we reproduce below:

Being a shut-in I enjoy The Baptist Record very much, especially the articles from the soldiers telling of how they were made to see the need of the Lord. . . . So it is with most of the human race today. As long as we get what we want of the pleasures of this world we forget to give thanks to God for His wonderful blessings. But when sickness, sorrow, disappointment, and disaster come to us we can so readily look on our past and see where we have failed to set our hearts on heaven and heavenly things. We can remember times when we let such small things keep us from going to the house of God for worship and would not let anything hinder us from pursuing worldly pleasures. It is then that we begin to feel the need of God's loving hand to lead us back to the straight and narrow way and God's saving grace to help us stay there regardless of what may come. Then we begin to wonder why we have wasted so much precious time that we could have used better for our own good and for the glory of our Lord and King. . . .

What the world needs today is a real spiritual awakening to the fact that God is still on His throne, still ruler over heaven and earth and even holds the keys of death and hell in His own hands ready to mete out vengeance on those who defy Him and to bless those who strive to do His will and to abundantly pardon all who come to Him in true repentance. . . . We have so many church members who go to church just during the summer revival and when the regular monthly meeting time comes around they are "too tired" or "have a little cold" or a "dull headache" or some small excuse for not going. What would we think of the pastor should he be so easily kept away? The pastor needs our support and cooperation just as we need his. So let us do our best to be there and show our pastor that we're backing him up.

Jesus says, "If you love me keep my commandments." One of those commandments is this, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." So many people are making money their god. Others worship style, fine clothes and worldly pleasures, while many strive for political greatness and worldly fame, forgetting that the lowly Jesus was born into the

Baptist Marching Orders



Who? — Ye
Where? — Into all the World
What to do? — and Preach
What? — the Gospel
To Whom? — to Every Creature

Ours Only to Obey

The great Captain of our salvation issued these orders nearly two thousand years ago to his followers. He has never revoked them. This command is just as binding on us today as it was on his disciples who heard these words fall from the lips of our Saviour. What shall we do about it?

We have all become war-conscious in these days. We know full well what it would mean if a soldier disregarded or disobeyed the command of his superior officer. Suppose we disregard this imperative command of our Lord? Multiplied millions of souls here in our homeland and around the world are at stake. Without this message we are commissioned to take to them they are forever doomed to eternal spiritual death.

Each one of us has an inescapable responsibility of passing on the good news of salvation to those immediate-

ly about us. But our responsibility extends farther. Through our Home and Foreign Mission Boards we have the opportunity of carrying this gospel to the ends of the earth. The more we reinforce these agencies with our financial support the better able they will be to perform their mission. The Centennial Crusade is geared to meet this objective.

"Forward, Baptist comrades,
Jesus calls us on!
Hitherto he helped us
Through the century gone,
Henceforth he will lead us,
Bold and strong and sure;
On with him to triumphs
That shall long endure!"

"Forward, Baptist comrades!
Jesus leads us on!
Seeking, praying, tolling—
Till the world is won!"

Liquor Holidays Increase Food Shortage

Evanston, Ill., March 28—A federal ban on future liquor distilling "holidays," as well as a curb on beer making, were urged by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in a telegram to J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, today.

Mrs. Colvin told Krug that members of the Union concur that the critical shortages of meats and other basic foods will obviously skyrocket the need and consumption of foods made from grains and other edibles used in distilling and brewing.

"All food essentials should," she said, "be conserved for wartime necessities, rather than diverted into non-

essentials and hangovers." Her telegram to Krug was occasioned by reports that the WPB has contemplated additional liquor making "holidays" this year.

Mrs. Colvin pointed out that "the amount of grain so used in the holidays alone equal to the food requirements for six months of either 1,265,126 soldiers, at 5.5 pounds per day, or 2,319,397 civilians, at 3 pounds per day."

She declared that the 84,000,000 barrels of beer consumed in the U. S. in 1944 cost the nation's food stocks some 1,731,000 tons of grain and more than 102,000 tons of sugar and molasses.

world with no place to lay His blessed head save in a manger, though He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Another commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." So many people instead of going to some kind of religious worship go hunting or fishing, open their places of business on Sunday or even some do a day's work in the field on Sunday, if they are in a hurry to get a particular piece of work done, or just stay at home for lack of interest in God's service. . . .

The scripture teaches that the law is a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ. So, since we no longer have to keep the law to be saved but are saved by the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and washed in the blood of the Lamb, then it behooves us to keep the law to show to the world that we have been regenerated and born of the spirit of God and walking in newness of life, for "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

THE REVERSES OF TIME

This life is like a checkered scene
And those who fail to share
Its crosses of adversity,
Its weighted burdens bear.

Can never realize how these
Involve heaven's curious grace,
"That 'neath the frowning providence
God hides a smiling face."

Fresh from the mine the golden ore
Compares with worthless stone;
To render pure the dross must be
Consumed by fire alone.

While day reveals of nature's realm
One universe a night
Brings myriads of floating worlds,
In splendor to our sight.

If winter's bleak unwelcome blasts
Their storms should fail to bring,
Then who could realize the joy
Of an approaching spring?

No human heart was ever blest
With joys unchanging light,
For hours must come in every life
When sunshine yields to night.

The welcome cold adversity,
A more complete disguise
Ne'er robed a more efficient form
Of bliss beneath the skies.

It's fruitage thru life's realm
Will yield for all eternity,
And prove to us their rich reward
Of time's adversity.

Composed by Miss Mollie Lumbley, sister of the late Missionary W. T. Lumbley and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lumbley, June 1882 and read at the 1882 commencement of Mississippi College.

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way was made possible by the college's deeding to the town the remainder of the gravel road through the campus, the town already having in its possession the street down to Jennings Hall. This makes their driveway perpetually one of the streets of the town. The town of Clinton, through a WPA project, built this attractive driveway, assessing the college its proportionate part of the cost. With lights around it, it will become all the more attractive.

Navy Unit Stays Through October

The Navy V-12 unit will be continued until October 20. At that time the trainees left will be transferred to universities which are large enough to have Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Mississippi College will return to an altogether civilian enrollment on October 22 and will complete a nine weeks' term before the Christmas holidays.

Equipment Improved and Enlarged

The Lord has looked down in favor upon our college during this trying war period. He has given us a civilian enrollment of some 300 choice young men and young women, there being among these civilians sixty-five to seventy-five ministerial students. During the period since the Navy V-12 Unit was established here in July, 1943, over 800 naval trainees have had some of their training here, coming from almost every state in the Union. For several terms the quota was 350, being decreased as the need for trained personnel was met, until now the quota is 150. We have, therefore, been able to keep all the doors of the college open, to retain on a twelve-month basis of employment all of our faculty members who were not called into the armed services. We have improved and enlarged our equipment, made a number of necessary repairs; and at the same time have had the privilege of rendering worthwhile service to the young men called into the service of their country, maintaining for our college an unbroken record of serving in war as well as in peace.

Jennings Hall Remodeled

The work of remodeling Jennings Hall for temporary occupancy by our young women is nearing completion. Already sixty have reserved rooms in this building for the fall term. Those who are contemplating entering Mississippi College in September and desire to stay in Jennings Hall would do well to reserve a room at the earliest possible date. We shall continue to use the commodious brick cottages on the old Hillman campus and the dormitories there, if the demand requires it.

\$2,325 Received

We received through the Baptist Convention Board office a check for \$2,325.25, covering contributions made by churches and individuals during the month of April to our enlargement program. We appreciate the continued and growing interest of our people in their over-a-century-old college, dedicated to the training of Christian leaders.

Sixty to Graduate

The session of 1944-45 is rapidly drawing to a close. Commencement Sunday is June 17 and commencement day is Monday, June 18. Sixty of our choicest young men and young women will be graduated. This has been a session characterized by good

AMERICAN COUNCIL ASKS RESTRICTIONS ON CHURCH MEETINGS BE LIFTED

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(RNS)—Protesting Office of Defense Transportation travel restrictions as they apply to church conventions and summer Bible conferences, the American Council of Christian Churches, which represents fundamentalist groups, adopted resolutions here calling upon President Truman to rescind such directives.

Presbyterians to Hold Summer Conferences

Philadelphia—(RNS)—Summer conferences and junior high camps under the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., will be held this year as planned, it was announced here by Dr. Paul C. Payne, general secretary.

Four training centers to prepare young people for service in the Presbyterian Youth Caravans will be held at Lewis and Clarke College, Portland, Oregon, June 9-16; Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9-16; Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, June 16-23; and Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., June 23-30.

The council also condemned the Ives-Quinn New York fair employment practices act on the grounds that it destroys religious freedom and is a threat to the free labor market.

It called for recall of Myron C. Taylor, named by the late President Roosevelt as his personal representative to the Vatican, protested opening of the San Francisco conference without formal prayer and called for prayer at all remaining sessions, and declared its opposition to anti-Semitism or any other racial prejudices.

DR. M. LATIMER AGAIN NAMED HEAD OF CLINTON MINISTERIAL BOARD

The Board of Ministerial Education held its annual meeting in Clinton recently, and re-elected Dr. M. Latimer president, and M. P. L. Berry secretary-treasurer. Dr. Howard E. Spell and Dr. A. A. Kitchings together with the president and secretary were named as the executive committee.

W. W. James and W. L. McMullan reported on property in Newton, their home town, which is to be deeded to the board.

The Board of Ministerial Education was created by the Mississippi Baptist State Convention for the purpose of helping worthy and needy students for the ministry. The board owns several apartment houses in Clinton which are filled each session with families of married ministerial students attending Mississippi College. Any ministerial student, married or single, who needs help to go through college may apply to this board. Funds for this purpose come through the Baptist Cooperative Program.

Mrs. Jess Weaver, clerk of Vernon church, Noxubee county, has given The Baptist Record some help toward the 51,000 mark. She recently sent a nice club of subscriptions.

work and good conduct of our students. There have been no disciplinary problems. There has been the finest spirit of unity and co-operation we have seen in thirty-four years of service to our college.

Southern Seminary Graduates 148

Ten Are Mississippians

More than thirty percent of the 148 men who received their degrees from the Southern Baptist Seminary May 4 have volunteered for the military chaplaincy, President Ellis A. Fuller announced at the commencement exercises.

Discussing the Seminary's direct contribution to the war effort, Dr. Fuller said that five percent of all chaplains now in service received training at Southern Seminary, and fifty percent of all Baptist chaplains are former Southern Seminary students.

Many of the Seminary's students who could not meet requirements for the chaplaincy have entered the regular ranks of the army and navy and several have given their lives, Dr. Fuller said. The Seminary faculty voted recently to send certificates of appreciation to the families of former students who have died in the service of their country.

All-Time High Enrollment

In a review of the year just closed, President Fuller said that in many respects the year was the greatest in the Seminary's history. Highlights included: An all-time high enrollment of 654 ministerial students; the largest graduating class in history; the receipt of numerous donations, two of which were \$50,000 each, from friends of the Seminary for support and enlargement of its program; working out of plans for systematic enlargement of the faculty to begin immediately in departments where the need is most acute; plans for the building of additional classrooms and offices and an infirmary as soon as materials are available; plans for the financing of a \$350,000 apartment building for married students and their families; and great progress by the Alumni Association in assuring the success of the association's move to build a \$250,000 Memorial Chapel at the Seminary.

Commencement exercises opened Wednesday night, May 2, with the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., who spoke on the subject, "The Gospel." "The social gospel holds no hope for the world and neither does atheism, humanism, or scientific materialism," Dr. Middleton declared, pointing the ministers to the urgency of their task of "proclaiming the gospel, the good news the world is waiting for."

To Cooperate or Not to Cooperate

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, was the Missionary Day speaker on May 3. "Baptists now stand for the first time in their history at the open door where they can speak and be heard by the world," he declared. "There is no longer any question about whether we should be missionary—it is now a matter of cooperating or not cooperating in our world program for Christ," he continued. "Our great resources as a denomination obligate us to preach the gospel to the whole world, including Rome, Berlin, and Tokyo," he concluded.

In the commencement address Friday morning, May 4, President Fuller warned the graduates that persecution "is not always confined to the flame, the sword, and the concentra-

tion camp. There are other forms of persecution just as cruel," he continued, "and the Christian soldier needs to be girded with courage—a courage founded on the abiding love of Christ."

Ten from Mississippi received degrees: L. Frank Campbell, Marks, B.D. degree; William Ennie Prout, Tupelo, B.D.; Joseph Thurman Allmon, Newton, B.D.; Alvin Oakley Collins, Myrtle, Th.M.; James Alcorn Foster, Jackson, Th.M.; James Hulette Fairchild, Jr., Wesson, Th.M.; Blythe Orman McDonald, Meridian, Th.M.; John L. Moran, Jr., Picayune, Th.M.; Dobson McGinnis Nelson, Jr., Th.D.; and Ray Frank Robbins, Lucedale, Th.D.

FELIX GREEN ORDAINED

At the request of Pleasant Ridge a presbytery was called for the purpose of examining and ordaining Felix B. Green to the gospel ministry.

Dr. J. D. Ray preached the ordination sermon and the Bible was presented by Rev. C. E. Snowden.—T. E. Sikes, clerk.

Youth For Christ

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cast over the radio, made an appeal for decisions.

The movement seems to center largely about Rev. Torrey Johnson, the young pastor of the Mid-West Church of Chicago. This is an independent church, though Mr. Johnson was a Greek fellowship student while attending the Northern Baptist Seminary. I was informed that this church is independent because they do not wish to accept letters from liberalistic churches, nor to have fellowship with any modernistically dominated organization. There are no paid officers of the Youth for Christ Movement. All expenses, such as the large advertising program and the shipping of clothing to needy European Christians, are met by freewill offerings. The movement sponsored a huge watch night service, which packed the great Chicago Stadium. They held an open air Easter service in Soldiers Field, with a reported 75,000 in attendance. The whole thing sprang up and has developed without any promotion committee or ministerial sponsoring. It has spread rapidly, from New York City to Los Angeles, and in scores of intervening cities. An enthusiastic report was presented of the work in Toronto. From my notes, I have attempted to summarize:

First, it is definitely a YOUTH MOVEMENT. Older persons were present, but only as spectators.

Second, it is as evangelistic as any evangelistic meeting I ever attended.

Third, IT MOVES. They have adopted the radio technique, with the result that there is no uncertainty at any time.

Finally, it is democratic and ambitious. It is making use of much heretofore undiscovered talent and is constantly looking forward.

The movement seems to be a natural reaction against the modernism and liberalism which appears to be dividing the churches of the north more sharply than denominational distinctions. It is CHRISTIAN YOUTH expressing itself.